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Contract deadlock

■ *Board of education calls for outside help to solve contract dispute with high school teachers*

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's school board has called in an outside advisor in a bid to settle an impasse in the contract dispute with its high school teachers.

The 47 teachers at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, who have been working without a contract since the beginning of September, will be in a legal position to strike on April 17.

As of the same date, the board will have the power to lock the teachers out of the school.

The "key stumbling block" that has brought negotiations to a deadlock is the board's demand that the teachers take a one-year, 2.2 per cent wage roll-back, according to the Barrie lawyer who was appointed to try to bring the sides back together.

In a county where the teachers' unions — both elementary and secondary — have never taken to the picket line, this appears to be the board's most serious contract dispute yet.

However, negotiating teams for both sides were back at the bargaining table Thursday night trying to work out an agreement

for the first time since contract talks ground to a halt in February.

At that time, the board declared an impasse, 10 months after the two sides first met to discuss a contract for the 1996-1997 school year.

The Education Relations Commission appointed lawyer Calum MacLeod as a neutral third party to act as a "fact finder" to examine the causes of the deadlock and recommend possible solutions.

MacLeod met with the two sides on March 5 to discuss their dispute and submitted a 30-page report on his findings about two weeks later.

Only after the board and the teachers' union remained at odds was MacLeod's report made public on Wednesday and sent to all media outlets in the area.

"The release of a fact finding report marks a turning point in negotiations because it opens the door to sanctions," MacLeod writes in the report.

Teachers gain the right to strike 15 days after its release date and the board gains the

See FACT FINDER page 6

Registry Office to stay put

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

The Minden OPP might be moving, but the Registry Office in Minden is staying put.

"As far as we're concerned it's not moving, and that's pretty solid and current," says Bud Schaab of the Ontario Realty Corporation in Orillia.

Schaab said they did consider other possible locations, but there was no available government-owned space which was large enough for the Office's needs.

"They are installing a new computer system that will even-

tually allow them to reduce their space requirements, but that's three years down the road."

Last year, the ORC introduced a policy which intended to minimize the province's leasing and renting costs. If a provincially-funded agency — such as the Minden OPP — did not own their buildings, there was a push to move them into the surplus buildings which were owned by the province. Hence the recent decision to move the Minden OPP office across the highway to the Ministry of Natural Resources office, which has surplus space after last year's layoffs. The OPP building was leased; the MNR's building was owned.

The Registry Office takes up an entire floor of a county-owned building on Newcastle Street.



Spring's Sweet Return

Kevin Burke pours some of the sap he and Keith Schrader have collected into a large vat which is pulled by horses to the Wruths' sugar shack in Lochlin. For more photos, see page 25.



Spring's back — and so is the "When will the ice melt on Head Lake" contest

Despite this week's weather, the consensus around the *Echo* office is that spring is truly on its way. And spring means the ice will melt on Head Lake.

Once again, the *Echo* is celebrating spring by holding the "When Will the Ice Melt on Head Lake" contest. From now until April 18, people are invited to guess when the last ice cube will be gone. Once again, Harold Bannon has agreed to become our ice watcher, a task he has performed with meticulous care.

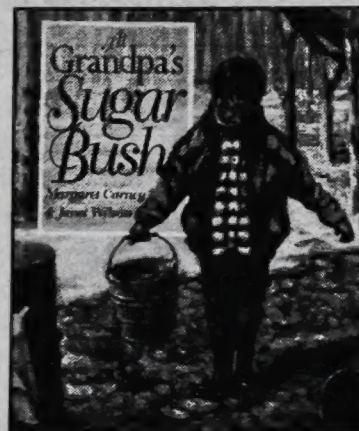
The winner of the contest will receive a year's subscription to

the *Echo* and a copy of another celebration of the rites of spring — Margaret Carney's new children's book, *At Grandpa's Sugar Bush*, which describes spring at the Barry farm in Lutterworth. The book has been donated by the publishers, Kids Can Press.

To submit your guess, you can either drop by our new office overlooking Head Lake (the former Jackson Real Estate) as of April 10, phone us at 457-1037, fax us at 457-3275 or e-mail us at echo@halhinet.on.ca.

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A king has his castle; a premier has his birdhouse

IT'S A HOME fit for a premier. And for a short while, it was sitting in the yard of John and Lindsay Beaudry's home in Ingoldsby. Included in a press release of the upcoming "With These Hands Art Fair" came a photograph of a bird house which the Beaudrys had made. It was commissioned by former Premier David Peterson and his wife Shelley. Of course, that birdhouse has

already gone to its new home, but the Beaudrys will have other whimsical and wonderful creations at the Toronto show, which runs from April 18 to 20 at the Ontario Heritage Centre, 8 Adelaide Street E. For more information, call 416-532-4629.

Collin Brennan was doing some spring cleaning the other day, when he came across a poster from his father George's day.



John & Lindsay Beaudry built a birdhouse replica of David Peterson's house

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

The King and Queen were visiting Toronto, and to allow as many children in the county as possible to go to see them, the Haliburton Junior Red Cross was holding its annual Field Day on May 22 instead of May 24. Activities included races and other sports, magic and humor by "The Magician" (George Brennan) and the Charlie Chaplin film, "Shoulder Arms." The day was going to be capped off with fireworks and Bonfire. Admission to the show was 20¢ for adults, free for children under 16. A.G. Schofield was the

organizer. In true patriotic fashion (or fervor), the poster ends with the line, "God Save the King and Queen."

On Friday, April 13, 1962, Don Finn opened his law office on Newcastle Street in Minden. Obviously, Friday the 13th wasn't a bad omen because 35 years later, the office will be celebrating the special anniversary.

The Echo would like to welcome a certain public school principal to its subscription list. We're glad he's taken the plunge and

will now be receiving the newspaper in his mailbox every Tuesday, instead of having to remember to buy one at the store. Happy reading (and sorry if this sounded too much like an "in joke.").

The play "Olly Olly Oxen Free" hits the Village Playhouse in Bancroft later this month, bringing some welcome springtime comedy to the area. Written by Charles R. Johnson, the play focuses on George, a successful writer of children's stories, who has been spending too much time on his work and not enough on his wife Kitty. Driven to desperation, the unhappy Kitty has turned to a variety of bizarre diversion. The play runs from April 24 to 26 and

April 30 to May 3. Tickets are \$10; a special preview performance is April 23 for \$8. For more information, call 613-332-3940.

Donna French, the mother of Kirsten French, who was murdered by Paul Bernardo in 1992, will be the keynote speaker at a forum on planning a safe community. The forum, which is sponsored by the Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Health Council's Youth Health Council, is April 28 from 1 to 4 pm in the St. Peter's Elementary School auditorium in Peterborough. Mrs. French will be addressing the reality of violence and how communities can work together to build and environment that is safe for everyone today and for years to come. Also at the forum, a plan of experts will be on hand to answer questions from students and the audience. Tickets can be purchased by calling 705-748-2992. Tickets are \$3 each and will not be sold at the door. Seating is limited.

Where can you learn how to make a Victorian lampshade to match your decor or an umbrella to complement your ensemble? At the Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival, April 18 to 20 at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto. The Festival offers all kinds of expert advice, informative exhibits and how-to and hands-on activities. Call 1-800-291-2030 for more information.

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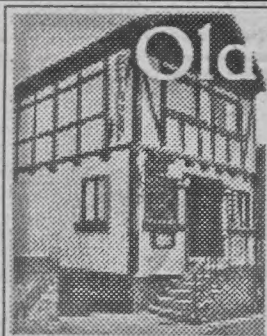
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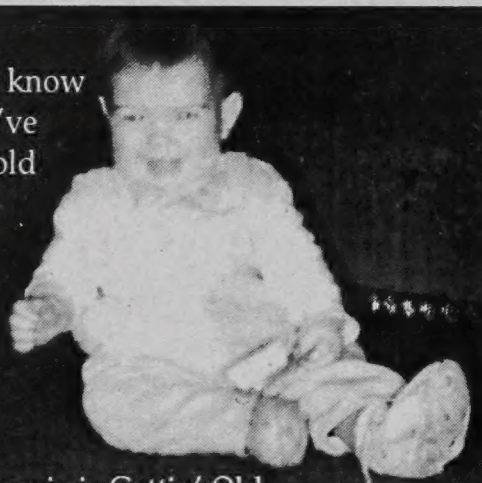
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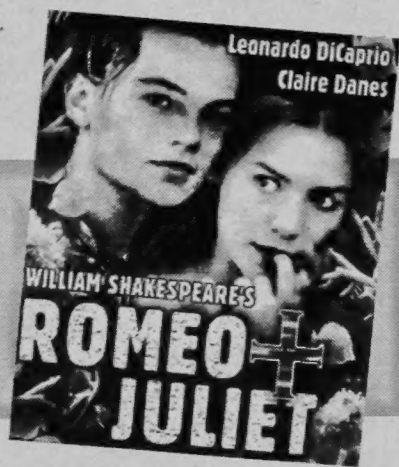
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Galway/Cavendish debates whether to join Haliburton County

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Residents of Galway/Cavendish would see their property taxes drop and their political clout rise if the municipality joins Haliburton County, says the man leading a study into the proposal.

Peter Charters, a retired White Lake resident, says his municipality — at the northern tip of Peterborough County — shares far more in common with its municipal neighbours to the north than to the south.

He believes Galway would fare better economically, politically and socially under a redrawn map that includes the municipality within Haliburton County's borders.

Galway-Cavendish council is to consider the merger proposal at a meeting today (Tuesday).

Like its northern neighbours, Galway is a rural municipality with no large urban areas. It has a small permanent population and a high number of seasonal residents. And its economy — which fluctuates according to the season — is driven mainly by tourism and logging.

Over the past few years the topic has surfaced on a number of occasions, but in the past year it has gained greater momentum, as the province pushes municipalities to find savings through restructuring.

The proposal was also given a boost of public support after Charters completed an independent study last summer.

A former chemist at the University of Toronto, Charters analyzed assessment information provided by realtors in Haliburton County and Galway for 1995.

Had the amalgamation gone ahead that year, Galway property owners would've seen their taxes drop by 21 per cent, Charters says.

"That's a considerable amount of savings. The average tax bill around here is about \$1,000 or

more."

The greatest share of the savings Charters identified can be attributed to education taxes.

Though the province plans to remove education from property tax in January, Charters believes there are still advantages to joining Haliburton County.

Among the benefits would be a greater presence and a stronger voice.

"We're a small population, relatively isolated from the main part of Peterborough County. We're pretty well ignored. We don't benefit from many of the services," he said. "If we joined Haliburton County, we'd be the fourth largest in terms of population and one of the larger municipalities in terms of geography. We feel that we'd be much more listened to."

Some also fear the effect of Peterborough County's restructuring plans.

"Two of the scenarios being looked at would bring the city (of Peterborough) into the county structure. We're concerned that would raise taxes," said Charters. "... We're concerned that the city very much wants to come into the county because then it can charge off some of its expenses to the county."

While Galway/Cavendish council hasn't endorsed the merger proposal, it is more willing to consider the idea than it was initially, said Charters.

At the suggestion of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, four study groups, including members of the council, have looked at different scenarios.

The first alternative would see the municipality remain the same. A second would see it merge with other municipalities within Peterborough County. Under the third option, it would join Haliburton County as an eleventh municipality. The fourth scenario, which Charters is studying, would see Galway join Haliburton County and amalgamate with Snowdon and Glamorgan.

For a merger proposal with Haliburton County to go ahead, it would first have to be approved by Galway council. Then it would have to receive approval from both Haliburton and Peterborough County councils.

"We've been informally informed that we'd be welcomed in Haliburton County," said Charters.

Reaction to the merger proposal is generally mixed.

Many long-time residents have an emotional attachment to Peterborough County. Others who live in the southern end are not very familiar with Haliburton County because they usually head south for shopping and business.

But Charters said interest in the proposal is growing among cottagers and new residents.

"What we certainly believe is that the vast majority of the population, who are seasonal, will go wherever the tax bill is lower," he says.



WELCOME, SPRING: On Saturday, SSFC eco-tourism students hosted children's games at Head Lake Park as part of MapleFest. Above, Stacey Prieur, Drew Wannamaker and Marina Boneshyn demonstrate how pioneers used hand-held drills to bore holes to get sap. Below, Brandi Ellis paints the face of Mackenzie Trueman.



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Budget '96

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A year after Haliburton's school board took dramatic steps to slash costs, county schools say they'd be unable to weather further reductions without seeing the quality of classroom education badly eroded.

"What they're saying is that we're stretched to the limit ... and if there are any more cuts, we'd have to cut (instructional) programs," said Dale Robinson, the board's superintendent of education.

As trustees prepare to put together a budget — and figure out a way to absorb a \$272,000 provincial grant reduction — they decided to first examine how more than \$625,000 in cuts they made last spring have affected the system.

On top of those cuts, the board also had to make do with \$325,000 less in provincial funding. However, it absorbed the grant loss mainly by raising taxes 2.2 per cent and negotiating a one-year 2.2 per cent salary rollback with elementary school teachers and board office staff.

At the request of Sherborne trustee Barrie Martin, Robinson individually surveyed all school principals on the impact of last spring's cost-cutting measures — the largest round of cutbacks the board has ever made.

The general consensus among the principals is that deeper cuts would definitely hurt the classroom, Robinson said.

"We've cut over the last five years pretty well every year and now we're just about at rock bottom," he explained. "... We made some very significant cuts last year and we're at the stage where we can't make any more without significantly changing program."

Parents and communities are also feeling the impact of the cuts as schools have been forced to rely more heavily on user fees and fundraising efforts to cover the expense of special programs, such as field trips.

Last spring the board completely eliminated its budget for in-county bus trips between schools and reduced the pot for field trips by half to \$25,000 from \$50,000.

The cuts have been particularly hard for smaller schools that don't have gyms and used to travel by bus to neighbouring schools to share their facilities, said Robinson.

"It's had a great impact on the programs they can offer."

The board's reduced budget for field study has meant students can go on fewer trips for shorter distances and the kinds of study programs schools can afford are less diverse than in the past.

Schools are finding they're pushing the limit with their fundraising requests and charges for field trips, said Robinson.

"You can only go to the same group so many times. What many of the principals are saying is, 'Enough's enough. The well is running dry'."

Significant cuts for capital expenditures last year, as well as the previous couple of years, have left "a big hole" in the board's initiative to bring computers into schools.

Grade 2 and 3 classrooms are well-equipped with computers because of a funding partnership the board has been able to take advantage of with the government and private industry.

However, as students move into higher grades their access to computers drops off.

"We need to keep that need in front of us," said Robinson. "There is definitely a big hole between (Grades) 4 and 8. There are definitely a number of classrooms in this county without even one computer."

He said the high school's computer program is also hurting from a lack of resources.

"We haven't even had the money or equipment to run Windows at the high school. Well, these days, why would you run anything else?"

Principals reported the board's move to reduce spending on supply teachers has had a damaging effect on both staff moral and classroom instruction, said Robinson.

To cut costs, the board brought in a new policy last spring requiring a teacher to be absent for two days before a supply teacher could be called in on the third day. Other teachers at the school are required to use their preparation time to cover for absent teachers on a rotating basis. Through the course of a day, it's possible for one class of students to have

several different teachers.

The policy was later changed for elementary schools, where teachers accepted a 2.2 percent wage cut, to bring supply teachers in on the second day absence.

"The general comments from the principals were that it has been disruptive to staff moral and they feel the quality of instruction in the classroom with seven or eight teachers has gone

downhill," Robinson said.

Cuts to the board's professional development budget are making it more difficult for educators to keep up with all the changes the Ministry of Education has introduced.

"I think it's a point being missed by the Ministry," said Robinson. "If you want all these changes, you've got to train the people."



MASONS PRESENT LOCAL BURSARY: Minden Mason Gord Monk presents an \$800 bursary to Geraldine Vickers who is graduating from Sir Sandford Fleming College's Eco-tourism program. Vickers will use the money to help fund her five-month job placement conducting historical tours at St. Martha's Vineyard. Monk is the Grand Registrar for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and says the bursary is one of 16 in the five-county area. Each year, Masons present \$200,000 in bursaries to deserving students and the money comes from donations within the organization.

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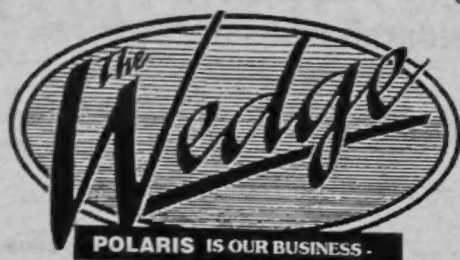


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Budget '97

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The specter of another tax hike hangs before Haliburton's school board as trustees try to decide how to absorb a provincial grant reduction they thought they were immune to.

It's either a tax increase of about 1.6 per cent or make further, potentially damaging spending cuts to an education system that was carved to the bone last spring, they say.

Some trustees and the board's director reacted angrily last week to news that the province will chop the Haliburton's funding by about \$272,000, or 15 per cent, despite an earlier announcement by Education Minister John Snobelen that he would hold education funding at the same level as last year.

"I spoke to and faxed (MPP) Chris Hodgson this afternoon and told him we had been assured that the money we would receive this year would be the same as last year," board director Brad Saunders told trustees at a meeting on Tuesday. "And what Chris Hodgson said was that he fought very hard for that, but just couldn't make it happen. So the chance of a political bail out at this point it would seem is nil."

In December, Snobelen announced his Ministry would give school boards the same amount of money overall this year as it did in 1996.

However, it was left unsaid that the grant each board

receives would either increase or decrease because of factors the Ministry introduced in 1994 to try to compensate for different assessment bases between boards.

"Mr. Snobelen had said there was the same amount of money for education. Well, indeed there was — provincially," said Saunders. "That's like telling families the size of the pie is the same, but they've got two more mouths to feed."

Hodgson told The Echo Haliburton's board shouldn't be surprised by the funding cut because it has known since 1994 that its grants would continue to decrease each year under the existing funding formula until they eventually disappeared entirely.

But Saunders said it was Hodgson's "verbal assurance" that he would do what he could to protect the board's funding that left it unsuspecting another cut.

"It put us in a position where we were counting on having \$272,000 that we do not have," he said.

However, the board's grant reduction would've been far worse, if it weren't for a special assistance grant the province has given all boards with fewer than 10,000 students.

Under the plan, which the province introduced last year, small boards will have their cuts held at three per cent of their overall operating expenditures or 15 per cent of their 1996

grants, whichever is less.

Without the cap, Haliburton would've seen the province slash its 1996 grant of \$1.82-million by a staggering nearly \$1.5-million, said business administrator Jim Bradley.

But trustees say it will be hard enough to absorb the small fraction of that potential loss after more than five years of repeated grant cuts.

"I would just love someone from the Ministry to wander around the Haliburton Highlands and see what we've done with our small dollars and see the quality of education we have, and tell us where we can cut \$272,000," said Minden trustee Wendy Ladurantaye.

Glamorgan trustee Craig Pettit said he was unhappy with cost-saving measures the board adopted last spring and doesn't want to take similar steps to absorb the cut.

"In my opinion we have damaged the system," he said. "It would not be anything I want to go any further with. I'd go with a tax increase rather than more cuts."

The board would have to raise taxes by about 1.6 per cent — about \$18 for the average property owner — to make up for the lost grant revenue, said Saunders.

"It's an option," he said. "Whether or not the trustees choose that option is totally up to them."

However, if the board does opt for a tax hike, it may risk having its budget turned down by the

Education Improvement Commission (EIC), once it's up and running.

The province intends to set up the commission to oversee the transition to fewer school boards, should the legislation pass into law.

Under the legislation, the EIC has the final say over board budgets and has the power to send them back to be amended.

As an alternative to a tax hike, trustees could look at cutting "high cost programs that maybe the board can't afford in the quality they deserve," said Saunders.

He pointed to the instrumental music program, noting that neither of the board's future partners — Muskoka and Victoria — offer similar programs.

"It wouldn't be popular, but we're left with an increasingly narrow field to find that \$272,000," he said.

Rather than try to cope internally with \$272,000 cut, board considers raising taxes 1.6 percent

All board members have been asked to attend a management committee meeting tonight (Tuesday) at the high school to discuss their options.

The board will then hold a special meeting next Tuesday night with the hope of adopting a budget in time to meet the Ministry's April 18 deadline.

Hodgson said he doesn't like the current education funding model because it can affect different school boards so dramatically. It also allows boards with greater tax bases to spend much more per pupil.

That's why the province is proposing to assume the costs of education in January and take it off the residential property tax bill, he said.

Under the plan, boards across the province would be given the same amount of funding per student, regardless of their assessment base.

ASES Council to hold elections in fall

by SKIP RAY
ASES School Council

We have formed a sub-committee to put together a constitution for our school council. In order to include any interested parents of kindergarten children, we plan to hold the elections for positions on the School Council in September.

Principal Peter Forgrave said the government testing of the Grade 3 students is on schedule and will wrap-up in a few weeks.

We viewed the proposed 97/98 school calendar which is legislated to have certain numbers of instructional days, professional development/activity days and exam days that must be coordinated.

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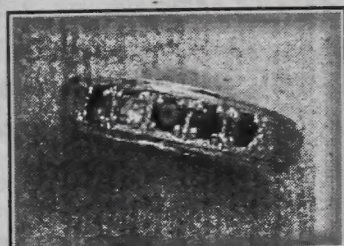
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CLIP AND SAVE

Fact finder's advice restarts talks

Outside lawyer makes some recommendations in teachers' favour, some in board's

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power to lock them out. As well, the board has the right to make unilateral changes to the teachers' terms of employment 60 days after the report goes public, if there is still no agreement.

But most importantly, says MacLeod, the intent of the report is to draw the two sides back together to settle their dispute.

Representatives of the negotiating teams for the board and the high school teachers declined to comment on the report or their dispute.

"We're going back to the table tonight and I'm sure we'll be discussing the fact finder's report and hopefully making some progress," board director Brad Saunders said Thursday. "...In terms of commenting on the actual negotiations both sides have agreed that to discuss the negotiations at this point wouldn't help either side."

Walter Tose, president of Haliburton's branch of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, cited similar reasons for keeping quiet.

Essentially, MacLeod's report recommends that the board agree to a two-year, "status quo" contract with the teachers and give up its goal of chopping their salaries by 2.2 per cent.

MacLeod says the board "has

to some degree painted itself into a corner" with its wage reduction demands.

Last spring when the board struck its budget, it negotiated a 2.2 per cent salary cut with its elementary school teachers and board office staff at the same time as it raised property taxes by 2.2 per cent.

The board's CUPE staff — secretaries, educational assistants and custodians — didn't accept a 2.2 per cent rollback. However, MacLeod says the board realized an equivalent savings by reducing the number of CUPE positions.

"The board now feels there must be a corresponding 'contribution' from the secondary teachers," MacLeod writes. "If this is not achieved, problems with other employee groups in the next round of bargaining can be anticipated. Taxpayers will be unhappy if property taxes must be raised again and there is no reduction in the cost of the collective agreement."

However, the teachers have difficulty making the concession without realizing any benefit to their membership in return, he says.

While the elementary school teachers took the cut to prevent lay-offs, there is no prospect for lay-offs at the high school because its enrollment continues

to rise.

"Philosophically, of course, it is hard to agree that teachers should voluntarily reduce their compensation and working conditions to fund reductions in provincial funding," says MacLeod. "This is particularly hard to sell if the reason for the reductions is seen as paying for the government's election promise of reduced income tax as opposed to deficit reduction."

Another sticking point with the teachers, is an "internal coverage" policy the board introduced last spring to reduce its budget for supply teachers.

Instead of calling in a supply teacher on the first day of a teacher's absence, the high school has been told to wait until the third consecutive day before hiring a supply. In the meantime, teachers are required to give up their designated preparation time to cover classes for their absent colleague.

MacLeod says the board is prepared to eliminate the internal coverage policy, provided the teachers negotiate a \$60,000 reduction in their collective bargaining agreement — the same amount the board would save if the teachers agreed to a 2.2 per cent rollback.

However, MacLeod recommends the board give up its goal of cutting the teachers' contract

by \$60,000, noting "there simply is no incentive for the teachers to make the sacrifices which would be required to achieve savings equivalent to a reduction of 1.5 teachers (using the board's figure for average teacher salary of \$40,000)."

He also recommends that the board go back to hiring supply teachers beginning on the first day of teacher absence, provided an equivalent savings — he estimates between \$6,000 and \$10,000 — can be negotiated in the teachers' contract.

One way the board could save would be to change the date it uses to project staffing levels to the same date the Ministry of Education uses to count enrollment for grant purposes, says MacLeod.

Currently, the board determines how many teachers it needs in May, based on projected enrollment for the end of the coming September.

However, the Ministry now determines its grants based on enrollment at the end of October, when the student population has traditionally declined slightly.

If the board used projected enrollment at the end of October to determine its staffing, it would be able to save the equivalent of approximately one teacher's salary, says MacLeod.

Because enrollment is increasing at HHSS, the step would mean the board could hire one less teacher, rather than laying off a teacher.

Among the other issues:

- the OSSTF wants the board to seek teachers' consent before they can be transferred to another school, but the board says it is willing to seek consent only if the transfer is to a school outside the county;

- the OSSTF wants the maximum ratio of pupils per teacher (PTR) to be 15:1, while the board has proposed a PTR of 15.3:1 along with moving back the projected enrollment date for staffing purposes to October 31;

- the board has proposed cutting the number of department headships in half to five positions. Under the proposal the remaining departments would be Language, Arts, Self and Society, Student Services, plus Mathematics, Science and Technology. Department heads would serve for five years, up from three, and their allowance on top of regular salaries would increase to \$5,000 from \$4,200.

MacLeod acknowledges that neither the board nor the teachers' union is bound to follow his recommendations. He says he offers the advice as a "template" the two parties can use to form a new contract.

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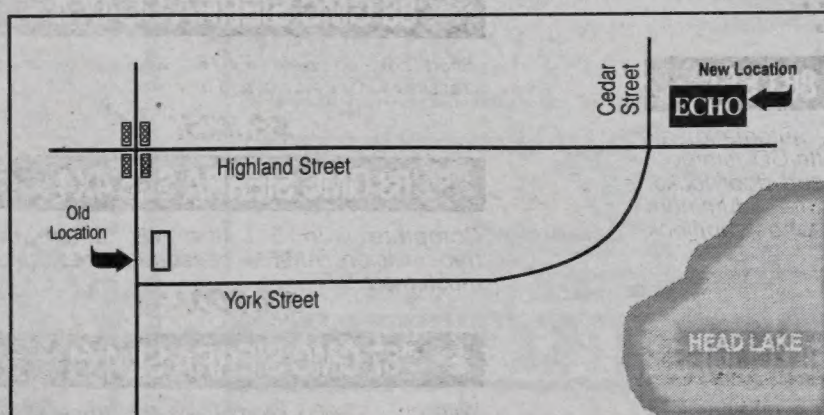
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Health unit may continue with inspections

County council says it would be too costly and time consuming to have municipalities do them

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March county council meeting.

Most councillors seemed in favour of retaining the services of the health unit to do septic system inspections.

Now that the costs of the health unit are going to be borne by local ratepayers, as of

January 1, municipalities can have their own by-law inspector do the work. But first the inspector must take a three-month course, and municipal staff would be responsible for the records and administration. Warden Murray Fearrey is also worried municipalities may be more liable should they take over the duty and something go wrong in the future.

However, Lutterworth Deputy-reeve Lisa Mercer said "we're

being irresponsible if we don't look at the costs of our by-law officer doing it."

Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman, who is council's representative on the health unit board, replied "sure you can look at it. Just remember you have until October 1 (to have your by-law officer trained.) I maintain it would be better for the health unit to run it for a year and then we can assess it. I think there'd be a lot of confusion if every municipality does it."

As of September, the costs of the inspections will be paid for entirely through user fees, Fearrey said, so hiring the health unit to do the job won't cost municipalities any money.

"If it's not broken, don't fix it," said Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor, arguing in favour of the health unit providing the service.

Chamber report

More and more people are treating Haliburton County as the destination of choice, said Carol Dewey, a director of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, during the annual report.

"Over the 12 month period, more than 20,000 inquiries have been received about the Haliburton Highlands," she said. Many inquiries are through the successful 1-800 line, and she expects interest will also increase now that the Chamber has a web page on the Internet.

Such success has its down side, however. "Due to our increased marketing efforts, our mailing costs have increased by more than 400% during the same period."

As well, the Chamber has faced financial challenges, in part because "fundraising activities for the Chamber became very difficult during the early

summer. As a result, we were forced to downsize our office staff at the end of August." Chamber manager Brian Dean is at the Hwy 35 office by himself.

The Chamber did get some help from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, which contributed \$8,000 to the cost of attending trade shows in return for a brochure that was prepared and distributed to promote business opportunities in the Highlands.

Hyland Crest

Dr. Morris Smith has announced his resignation as the home's medical director, effective in July. "This is quite dramatic for us" but the home is in negotiations to find a replacement, reported Jock Mavor.

The news was better about the home's budget, which is now enjoying a small surplus.

Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon said a woman dropped by his store and complimented Hyland Crest on the way it had made her father feel so much at home there.

New committees

To cope with some of the issues that are arising, the county set up three new committees:

- Who Does What: Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe, Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, and Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon

- Strategic plan: Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon, Cardiff Deputy-reeve Doug Holman and Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor

- Response to Snowdon's objectives (to avoid calling in a municipal commissioner): Anson, Hindon and Minden Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome, Glamorgan Deputy-reeve Bill Challis and Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman

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School of Fine Arts faces a steep rent hike

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Sir Sandford Fleming College is facing a rent increase of nearly 300 per cent to run its popular School of Fine Arts this summer at Haliburton's high school and neighbouring J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

The steep hike will see SSFC pay the Haliburton County Board of Education \$12,500 — up from \$4,200 last summer — to use classrooms at the two schools for six weeks from the beginning of July to mid-August.

The following summer the college's rent is set to rise even further to \$15,000, under a deal approved by the board last week.

Jim Bradley, the board's business administrator, said the board was losing money under the previous rental agreement.

"This figure roughly covers our costs, whereas in the past we were in the hole," he said at a meeting of the board's management committee.

Previously the board was willing to absorb the loss because it understands how important the School of Fine Arts is to the community's economy, said board director Brad Saunders.

But its budget has been cut back to the point that it can no longer afford not to cover its operating expenses, he said.

"In terms of percentage, it's a significant increase. But I think if you spoke to Sir Sandford president Brian Desbiens even he would tell you that as businesses we can't afford to sub-

dize anyone any more," Saunders said.

In addition to utilities, the board also has to pay custodians to clean the schools during the six-week period when the course run. There are also extensive preparations to be made by the custodians before the courses begin and after they finish, in time for the start of the school year.

The proposed rental increase will have a significant impact on the college, acknowledged Janet Honsberger, Haliburton's acting campus operations leader.

"From an operational stand point, we don't even have any more dollars. Our budget's been flat-lined," she said. "But we were willing to absorb any increase that was directly related to the board's operating expenses."

On top of paying higher rent to the board, the college is being forced to move many of its courses to JDHES while repair work is carried out at the high school.

The board needs to replace the ceilings in 13 rooms at the high school, putting 10 of the classrooms the college traditionally uses out of commission.

Using the two locations will increase the college's operation expenses "substantially," since it will take more staff time to set up the sites, said Honsberger.

Bradley has told the college to expect similar disruption the following summer, as well. The board hopes to have construction underway by then on an addition at the high school.

Few teachers can take early retirement offer

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

An early retirement plan, which the province hopes could attract as many as 5,000 older teachers and school board staff, would do little to create openings for younger educators at Haliburton's board.

There are likely just a few teachers in the county who would even qualify for the retirement proposal, said the board's business administrator, Jim Bradley.

The government's plan, which it pitched to the Ontario Teachers' Federation two weeks ago, would allow teachers and school board office staff aged 55 and older to retire up to five

years early at full pension, under certain conditions.

MPP Chris Hodgson said the early-retirement package would help "revitalize" the province's education system by making room for new teachers.

"It would be good for the older teachers, plus it would be good for the younger ones and the kids who are in teachers' college."

Hodgson said the proposal would also aid the government's plan to cut the number of school boards in half next January. Early retirement would give board administrators with teaching backgrounds another option instead of moving back into the classroom after amalgamation.

Currently, teachers can retire

with a full pension when their age and years of service add up to 90, known as the "90 factor." The proposed plan would bring in an 85 factor.

The early retirement offer would only be available for a short time — from January 1 to August 1, 1998.

But because of the minimum age requirement of 55, there are only a handful of teachers working for Haliburton's board who would qualify for the offer, said Bradley.

Walter Tose, president of Haliburton's branch of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, said he knows of just one teacher at the high school who'd meet the requirements.

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Editorial

An ally in the schoolyard

REMEMBER BACK TO YOUR DAYS in the school yard, when the brother you fought with at home came in really handy if the school bully wanted to pick a fight with you? Whether your brother ever had to do anything or not, it was nice knowing he was there. It (almost) made up for all the times you got mad at him over household chores, reminding your parents you were up past your bedtime or just indulging in plain old sibling rivalry.

As adults, some people feel threatened by the actions of what they perceive to be the new bully on the block, the Harris government. They are angry about welfare reform, cuts to education and healthcare, the resulting job loss and the overall actions of a government bent on balancing the budget.

But have you noticed that in the pages of The Echo at least, people are still rather courteous towards Chris Hodgson, the riding's MPP and a provincial cabinet minister?

If Hodgson wasn't from Haliburton he wouldn't be as immune from criticism. And if he was a backbencher, he'd definitely be a target of people's anger. But as a member of the cabinet, and therefore a person with more power and influence than just a mere MPP, and as a person who people meet in the grocery store or hockey rink, Hodgson is treated with a bit more respect, even if it is sometimes grudgingly given. You can't trash him in a letter to the editor as a faceless politician and then come face to face with him at a local function.

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There's no doubt that because Hodgson is in cabinet that Haliburton County has benefited, especially over the local hospital issue. Many credit him with keeping the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Minden open, albeit with fewer workers inside, and also ensuring the Frost Centre isn't closed. He's been a very good MPP in the way that his office staff is always

very helpful and courteous, and this makes it easy for people to access government programs and seek help if they have problems. Especially compared to former MPP Dennis Drainville, who said his staff was too busy to answer the phone, Hodgson's reputation as a constituency man is stellar. Because people are hoping that Hodgson will continue to use his power and influence on their behalf, no one wants to step on his toes. If people have to deal with the Harris government, they'd rather they have Hodgson as part of it. Harris might be a bully, and Hodgson might be his friend, but at least he's the county's friend as well. Criticisms are never really critical, and very few are against him as a person. Instead, the quiver of arrows are aimed in general towards his government.

Perhaps what's surprising locally is that people are surprised that Hodgson can act like such a politician. They elected a man they know as a father, neighbour, friend and hockey player into the realm of politics, but somehow expected him to remain plain old Chris. In many ways he is just Chris, and he's never put on airs when he's home, but the skills that Chris brought to hockey are the same skills Mr. Hodgson brings to politics. Politics is a game, and Hodgson plays it like a master. He's there to win and although there are a few detractors, he makes sure their yells are directed towards the referee and coach. And don't forget, he still has his fans cheering him on, too. **M.P.**



Gathering sap the Wruth farm way

by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

Drag Lake resident sees new way of life in Singapore

The following letter was sent to Echo Editor Martha Perkins from Patricia Shuttle-Holt, a Drag Lake resident who spent part of the winter at her son Rob's new home in Singapore. It was so interesting we thought we'd share it with our readers so they too can become armchair travellers.

by **PATRICIA SHUTTLE-HOLT**
Singapore

IT IS CLEAR there is a whole different attitude to life and living here. Practically no unemployment, no street people, no homeless people. Very low crime rate. Constant renovating and replacing of old or outdated structures. High tech everywhere, orderly behaviour.

I have only once eaten an ice cream as I strolled through a large shopping mall and I felt out of place. People dress well, eat only in the appropriate places, and plenty are provided. No smoking anywhere except outside. The no chewing gum rule that everybody at home sneers at is a very sensible rule. No filthy gum-stuck sidewalks anywhere. Canada was clean and tidy 40 years or so ago, I remember that. We also took pride in our environment....

But really, I am having a great time here. The best part is seeing my family and sharing their lives. We have been to Bali (Indonesia) for a week, a fantastic experience. It is a Hindu society and their religion keeps them busy all day. Bali is unfortunately very touristy now and

also very poor, except for the areas with the big, modern hotels. It is incredibly beautiful. Rob had hired a car and driver and guide, so we were able to see a lot in a week. It is only two hours flying from here.

I spent three days on the island (Bintan) where Rob works. The golf course is coming along. They had to deal with a swamp and jungle before the ground could be prepared. There is only one other hotel and golf course; a Club Med is planned. There is a village 45 minutes away; the two lane roads are new but very dangerous because the local people have not grown up with cars, safe driving, signals, etc. Many of them scoot around on small motorbikes any-old-how. No medical facilities to speak of.

The hotel where my son stays (when he goes to Bintan once a

week) is fabulous. Because of the climate, everything is open under the roof. Except for the guest rooms and inside offices, there is no need for windows. Wonderful way to live, you feel so free. The beach has sand like cornflour, and other than by the hotel, there is no one there.

Early in the morning, I noticed the tide had brought in a lot of garbage from the ocean. It was sad to see this beautiful beach spoiled with plastic bottles, string, styrofoam containers, glass bottles, jars, plastic bags, etc. This sort of thing follows us around the world.

At the hotel the staff would come out early and clean up the beach, so I suppose people forget that it exists, but it is sad that the world is choking on plastic. Think of its phenomenal half-life!

Tory cuts to healthcare, education break promises

To the Editor:

All those interested in our education system should be following closely the recent announcements regarding the funding of our schools:

- 15% reduction in funding from the Ministry of Education;
- confusion and long delays, created by the Ministry of Education, regarding the promised school construction projects;
- Our health board is repeatedly being frustrated by the Ministry

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Knock, knock

THE AGES AND stages of a child's life have been well-documented in any number of parenting magazines and books. For example, the toilet training stage, the terrible twos and yes, even the hair-cutting stage. Well I was hit with another last week and can't seem to find any information on how to deal with it.

This would be the joke telling stage.

Siobhan, who will be seven in May, seems to be coming of this age. All of a sudden, knock-knock jokes are in vogue again and we are hearing all of them, along with why any number of animals cross the road and a multitude of other corny riddles. It has made me once again appreciate my mother and sisters and the patience they exhibited when I was seven and feeling I too had a career as a stand-up comic. Listening to jokes told by a seven-year-old takes quite a bit of diplomacy sprinkled with a healthy dose of theatrical expression and after several hours, let me tell you, it can be a bit taxing.

I have always felt I had a pretty good sense of humour and it has served me well over the years. I have also tried to show to my children the importance of good humour along with good taste. At any rate, when Siobhan spiritedly jumped into the car after school last Monday and started with "Why did the chicken cross the road?", I went along amiably and laughed and groaned at the suitable places. While we waited at the senior elementary school for Max, she switched to "knock-knock" at which point Sophie began to get in on the action. Well, there's corny and then there's just plain inane but that is part of the finesse required to be a parent.

I was beginning to despair as to how to respond to "the chicken had a purple hat, that's why!" when my salvation came in the form of Max. I thought we were on a new track when we heard about his day at school but then the girls realized they had a new audience and to my horror, started all over again - right at the beginning. They were of course screaming with laughter by this time and when we arrived home, I ran screaming to the sanctuary of my laundry room.

The rest of the week played out much the same way and by Saturday the laugh lines were pretty firmly etched in my face. I had a brief reprieve while Siobhan went to a friend's but upon her arrival home, she came triumphantly up the stairs clutching a joke book from Max's book shelf. When I remarked on the rainy day, she said happily "It's a good thing I have this book to help us pass the time. There are 265 jokes in it!" and away she went.

You can't win when you are listening to a joke by a kid. If it is a riddle, if you say "I don't know" they say "Ahh come on try. Nope, try again. One more try". If you give the correct answer, they get all miffed because you have blown the punch line for them. And let me just say, I don't think a new riddle or knock-knock joke has been invented since I was seven, so you start to get your memory back after about 75 or 80 of them. That was my big mistake. Once she realized I was remembering too many of them, she started to make up her own. Ouch. Although I give her credit for trying.

I, myself am not a particularly good joke teller. I seem to have trouble remembering the punch line or usually blurt it out too soon for fear of forgetting it completely. I think you either have the knack or you don't. My mother was a great one. She always had a way of making a joke funny just by her telling it, even if it was corny or stupid. I think she came by it honestly since most of that side of the family are much the same. It must have been the story-teller in them. I think Siobhan may well have inherited this trait. I think her delivery is good but the material stinks. Oh well, "take my daughter - please!"



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Anne Creelman



Pic of the Past

Remember a few weeks ago when we had a picture of one of the Grade 1 classes of Haliburton students who would be turning 40 this year? Well, here's the picture of the other class so you can put names to the pictures of all those "Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40" birthday greetings. From left: Front row: Junior Laporte, Kim Emmerson, John Hodgson, John Cadell, John Coneybeare, Tom Curry, Dale Kellett and

Roy Boughner. Centre: Sheila Holland, Marianne Hodgson, ?, Cheryl Fearrey, Debbie Bannon, Nora Good, Sandra Carnegie, Nedean Casey and Wendy Bird. Back row: Shirley Bishop, Beth Irwin, Paula ?, Lisa Caines, Janet Hicks, teacher Bonnie Walling, Donna Andrus, Ross Burke and Rick Bailey. For fear of reprisals, the person who lent us the photo has asked to remain nameless.

Troubling times are 'Sirius'

IT'S A SIGN of the really messed up times we are living in that people now appear to be lining up to escape the really messed up times we are living in. Do you feel that uncontrollable urge to make a celestial one-way trip to the star Sirius? No problem, we've whipped up a barbiturate alcohol cocktail which will help you get through the somewhat fiery transition process. Close your eyes and, in a painless haze, enjoy the trip. Or do you prefer a once-in-a-lifetime cosmic getaway aboard the luxurious S.S. Hale Bopp? The process in both cases will be somewhat similar, the end result, alas, a bit of a disappointment.

This desperate search for easy solutions is not really new, of course. In 1888 the Amerindian prophet, Wovoka, received divine instructions on how to perform a certain dance which would help his followers recover their original land and live in eternal peace and prosperity. Many were subsequently massacred by U.S. cavalry troops at Wounded Knee. Rebel groups fighting in the Congo in the '60s were promised certain victory through the use of magic water which would sup-



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

posedly make them, a la Monty Python, invisible and bullet proof. In fact, in times of social upheaval, charismatic leaders have always been able to draw large gatherings of followers who are required to give up their God-given common sense for a ticket to paradise.

The complexity of modern society has made us all susceptible to the siren song of simplistic solutions.

The new ingredient to this potent brew, however, comes from society itself. We have been conditioned over the past few years, by government and business via the media, to demand the quick fix for the slew of woes that bedevil us. Solutions are presented in terms of material resources invested, or divested, usually in the name of some opportunistic strategy mas-

querading as philosophy. Whether we "throw money" at our problems, or cut back in the name of austerity, we are assured that prosperity is just around the corner and tomorrow will be much better than today. As a result of the continued inability of society to reform itself, a few impatient, unbalanced earthlings have opted to beam themselves off this planet forever.

Not that many of us who are left behind are much different. The complexity of modern society and its problems have made us all susceptible to the siren song of simplistic solutions, and those in charge are pursuing this fruitful approach with a vengeance. So, folks, put your brain on ice and choose your poison. Do you want to become rich beyond your wildest dreams? No problem, we've whipped up a cocktail of lottery tickets, Rama visits and Bre-X shares. Close your eyes and, in a painless haze, enjoy the trip. Are you mad as hell and not going to take it any more? Vote Liberal (or Reform, or Conservative, or N.D.P.) depending on who promises "the most for the least". The process in both cases will be somewhat similar, the end result, alas, a bit of a disappointment.

Speak out against cutbacks

FROM page 10

of Health. Our very soon to be defunct Board of Education is once again facing a substantial cut in funding from the Ministry of Education.

The Harris government was elected on a promise of maintaining health care and education.

Call our MPP Chris Hodgson at 1-800-424-2490 and let him know Haliburton County wants their health care and education systems maintained - as promised.

Lynn Raback,
Minden

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfeur



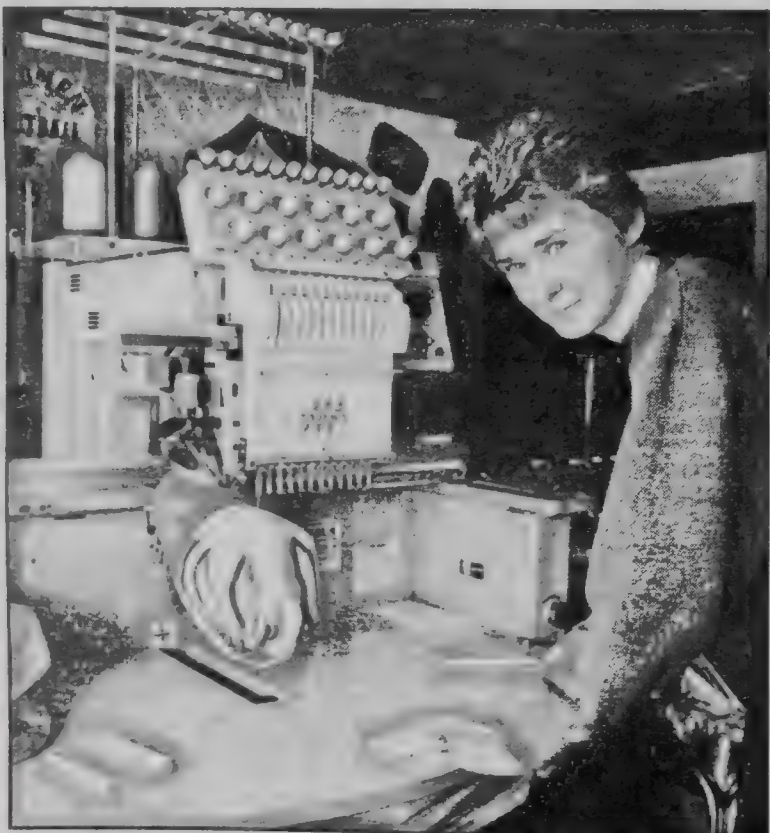
BUSINESS BRIEFS



DREAM BECOMES REALITY: Dreamweaver Country Boutique, owned and operated by Jan Simon half a mile north of Wilberforce off Hwy. 648, features a wide range of quality crafts and gifts, such as custom jewellery design and repairs, professional embroidery, and work by local artisans. 448-2868.



A BUSINESS VICTORY: When Sylvia Miller and Chris Gerrard bought the former Finlay's Store in Tory Hill, she called it Miller Victory because "managing to keep the store open is my own victory." Renovations of the store, took 18 months and they've tried to stock it as a true general store. In the photo are employee Nancy Steele and Sylvia Miller. 448-3448.



SEWING SKILLS SHINE: Melanie Tripp's Northern Lights Embroidery and Design specializes in precision embroidery stitching on various fabrics, including turtlenecks, hats, sheets, towels, bags and team wear. She has 4,800 designs to choose from, as well as logos, for such things as team promotion. 448-2978.



THIS TRAIL LEADS TO A YURT: In a partnership between Tips and Tails Nordic and Cycle in Bancroft, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the facilities and services at Silent Lake Provincial Park have been expanded, including accommodation in the Old Pine Lodge and a "yurt." From left are MP John O'Reilly, Clive and Chris Emery of Tips and Tails, MNR Minister Chris Hodgson and park superintendent Ron Speck. 613-332-1969.

'Loop Tour' visits new businesses in the east

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A tent-like dwelling based on a 2,000-year-old design and a store with a name that keeps customer's guessing were among the sights which the riding's provincial and federal representatives took in on a tour of recently opened businesses last week.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation arranged the "The Loop Tour" to show Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson and MP John O'Reilly five of the ventures it has helped finance over the past year in the county's east end.

The entourage kicked off the tour, led by Andy Campbell of the HCDC, with a stop at Northern Lights Embroidery and Design. Melanie Tripp runs the monogramming, design and lettering business from her home on Hwy. 121, just west of Essonville Rd.

Next stop was a visit to Miller's Victory, the Tory Hill general store where customers invariably ask about its unique name along with their purchase. The store was named after its owner, Sylvia Miller, who considers herself victorious for starting up her own business with co-owner Chris Gerrard.

Not far away, just outside Wilberforce off Hwy. 648, the tour visited Dreamweaver Country Boutique. Jan Simon operates the boutique, filled with jewelry, gifts and crafts from local artisans, from a shop in her home.

From there, the group travelled east to VP Auto Body, off Hwy. 121 on Rock Lake Rd., near Monmouth's roads department yard. Vern Huntington opened his shop in its new location in the fall.

The final stop of the tour was Silent Lake Provincial Park, where Clive and Chris Emery run the operation under the type of successful partnership the province is encouraging at some of its parks and conservation areas.

The couple was awarded a five-year contract to manage the

park and all of its activities and programs.

While they're in the first year of the new contract, they've held other contracts to run programs at Silent Lake for nearly a decade.

Essentially, they operate the park under a lease from the government and pay the province a percentage of the revenue they raise.

With funding assistance from the HCDC, the Emerys have been able to expand the programs and facilities they offer the public.

The newest offering is one of the oldest forms of accommodation known modern civilization — the Yurt.

Originally, the circular tent-like structures were used by Mongolian nomads about 2,000 years ago, Clive Emery explained.

While they used to be made of wooden poles and goat skins, modern Yurts use a high-tech vinyl wrapped around wooden supports.

"We get a lot of interesting phone calls from people saying, 'What's a yurt?' It's not a low fat yogurt," said Clive.

Silent Lake's yurt, reportedly the first one in Ontario, has the

conveniences of a small hut or cabin with the advantage of being portable.

The yurt sleeps six and can be used throughout the year since it has a woodstove.

The Emerys are considering getting another yurt or two, which even have domed skylights at their peak, so they can offer "yurt to yurt" hiking, biking and skiing packages, said Clive.

Currently, Silent Lake has 156 kilometres of traditional cross-country trails, eight kilometres of trails for ski skating and 13 kilometres of mountain biking trails. More trails are being planned for cyclists.

The Emerys have used their skills and experience as competitive skiers and mountain bikers to develop trails, programs and getaway packages the province likely couldn't have offered if it was operating the park on its own.

"This partnership has worked out very well for us," said park superintendent Ron Speck. "Realistically, there's no way we could do what Clive does. He's got the expertise."

In addition to summer and winter camping, Silent Lake also has a lodge — formerly the park's staff house — that sleeps 14.



A GOOD MOVE: VP Auto Body on Rock Lake Road in Tory Hill offers quality workmanship, insurance repairs and air brushing. It is owned by Vern and Prema Huntington, who moved to the Highlands from Gaspé and eventually built the garage next to their home. From left are employee Andre Udris, Vern and Prema Huntington with their son James, Monmouth councillor Wren Hughes and employee Paul Ballod. 448-3048.

BUSINESS BRIEFS



A NEW HOME FOR HOME ELECTRONICS: Halco Electronics, which has the local Radio Shack franchise, is now sharing space with Churko Furniture in the former Bell building on Hwy. 121 across from Haliburton Lumber. It stocks a wide range of home electronics, including televisions, stereos, computers, telephones, satellite dishes, scanners and remotes. From left are owners Greg and Sandra Bishop and employees Phil Jung, Earle Sisson and Ian Douglas. 457-1590.



JOINING THE MOVE: Halhinet's John and Judy Henderson are the Highlands' Internet provider. Halhinet is a way to surf the 'net without having to pay long distance charges in Haliburton County and northern Victoria County. It also offers local technical computer support, including setting up the necessary programs—and sorting out any technical glitches which may occur. The Hendersons are part owners of Halhinet, along with Halco Electronics, and share the new office space in the former Bell building on Hwy 121. 457-4555.

ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME: With lots more room for browsing, plus having Halco Electronics share the same space, the new location of Churko Furniture allows owner Jim Churko to better serve his customers' needs. Churko stocks quality, Canadian-made brands such as Decor-Rest, King Koil, Canadel and Serta, for the kitchen, bedroom and living room. There's free delivery. Churko Furniture is in the former Bell building on Hwy 121 across from Haliburton Lumber. Pictured here are employees Oliver Greer and Curtis Reynolds and owner Jim Churko. Absent are Chuck Hopkins, Sue Nicholson and Mary Raby. 457-9571.



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Pawluch makes club first with gold freeskate

by Nick Pawluch
and Michael Browne
Skating Parents

This year, the skating season seems to have come and gone in a flash. As spring slowly arrives, we realize this will be our last column of the season. Planned topics such as buying equipment, coach profiles and a look at our Precision program will be on hold until next September. However, we couldn't let the year close without sharing some very exciting news. Who would believe that history was actually made in the Haliburton Figure Skating Club? Go figure?

It should have happened on Tuesday March 18 but occurred on Thursday March 20 at the Minden arena. On Tuesday, as most skaters will tell you, all the tension and nervousness was evident as the skaters from Bancroft, Haliburton and Minden prepared to take their various dance and freeskate tests before judge Janet Smallman. The organizers were

there, the ladies dance partner had arrived from Lindsay and both parents and coaches, who had taken time from work, anxiously awaited. But no judge! Unfortunately, due to a human glitch, the judge had not received her confirmation and Janet was not in the building! Like an untied balloon, the tension and nervousness dissipated, replaced by irritation and frustration as everyone realized that the test day would be re-scheduled to Thursday.

With all the nervousness, anxiety and tension the same group reassembled on Thursday and history was made, when 15-year-old Tristan Pawluch became the first skater in the Haliburton Figure Skating Club to pass the Gold Freeskating Test. To the best of our knowledge, he is the first skater of the club to achieve such distinction. Tristan was rewarded for his brilliant performance when the judge simply wrote "Wow" on his test score sheet! A hard won

accolade from any figure skating judge! It was not only exciting for Tristan and his parents, but also for his supporters and the other test skaters who have watched him develop. Although not all the skaters had the same success that day, their disappointments were overshadowed by their joy and celebration for their "big skating brother". Tristan has been an inspiration and big supporter of his club peers. Test Day excitement further rocketed when Kim Stelter of Bancroft, coached by Lisa Allore (nee Carr) of Minden, also passed her Gold Freeskate!

Tristan takes his skating very seriously and gives up most of his free time to train. He does manage to find time to play on the Hal High basketball team, and enjoys model trains, swimming, canoeing and "magic". His willingness to learn, dedication to training and desire to skate came at a young age, when he'd go to the rink to watch his sister Andrea.

His coach for the last eight years, Jane Symons, marvels at his ability to handle peer pressure. Symons says "although Tristan has constantly struggled with his growth, his focus has never wavered. Now at 6'3" he has developed the strength necessary to carry his frame in spins and jumps. His speed has improved immensely."

Symons, who has coached in the Highlands for the past 16 years, is currently working on her National Coaching Certificate Level 3 which will qualify her to coach at the National Level. "To the best of my knowledge, Tristan is the first male skater to attain gold and only the second skater in Haliburton County," she informs. Symons had a former student pass the gold freeskate test while teaching in Minden.

In summers past, Tristan has trained in Lindsay, Whitby, Mariposa and Ottawa, where he will return for eight weeks this coming summer. His coach feels



A FIRST TO BE PROUD OF: Tristan Pawluch, who is coached by Jane Symons, is the first member of the Haliburton Highlands Figure Skating Club to attain his gold freeskate.

the opportunity to work with other coaches and train with more competitive skaters, particularly other male skaters, is very important to Tristan's development.

The future looks bright for this Minden native and he has set his goal of one day making the National Team. Is this possible? If hard work and determination have anything to do with it then; yes! Time will tell.

Tristan wishes to express his appreciation to his parents, sister Andrea, his coach and to the people of the Haliburton Club for their support, encouragement and enthusiasm towards his skating goals. Well done Tristan, we're proud of you!

The regular figure skating season is rapidly winding down and Carnival fever is gripping our young skaters, as they polish their group routines and solo numbers. The Carnival is set for Sunday

April 13 at 2:00 pm at the Dysart arena. With a theme of "Food, Food Glorious Food" it should be a fun event and we are very pleased to have Kaitlyn and Adam Colville, from Orono, as our guest pairs skaters. Adam and Kaitlyn won a berth to Divisionals this year and will no doubt add some dazzle to our Carnival. We hope you'll come out to see them along with our very own "Golden Boy", Tristan Pawluch, and all the other accomplished young skaters who are most eager to demonstrate the many skills they have mastered over the season.

The Club wishes to thank you for your very generous support for our recent muffin and stationery fundraiser. Door prizes, a silent auction and of course the draw for the colour TV will all take place at the Carnival. Hope to see you there! Until next season then, Go figure?.....skating!

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Flying Huskies take finals

■ *Novice A team comes up with gritty game to win championship over Oro*

by ANDREA DONALDSON

The final championship series was tied at two apiece when the Novice As travelled to Oro for the do-or-die game.

The boys came out flying with every Husky playing 100 percent, showing their true talents, the way everyone knows they can play.

Scoring for the Huskies: Kevin from Adam and Josh; Kevin, assisted by Calvin and Justin; Josh, assisted by Calvin and Kevin; and Jesse, assisted by Justin.

Final score: Huskies 4, Oro 1.

Congratulations Huskies for winning the finals: Chris Johnston, Jesse Johnson, Aaron

Donaldson, Adam Sisson, Justin Abbs, Josh Fick, Matt Tripp, Tim Pettit, Calvin Roswell, Jonathan Sharpley, Kevin Bowman.

At the first of the year these boys were strangers with five from one town and six from another.

Huskies, 4, Oro, 1

Over the year these boys bonded. They loved playing hockey together and as coach Peter Johnson said, they're a great bunch of boys and they just enjoy being together.

Thank you to the coaches for a great year and to the parents for

their dedication. Thanks to all the faithful fans who cheered us on.

A special thanks to Rodco Enterprises for treating the boys to a victory party, and to our sponsors, McKeck's Place and Sharpley Sports.

Thanks to Lee Donaldson for donating home and away socks to our Huskies, and to Joyce and Mark Bowman for donating pop and juice to our home tournament.

Once again congratulations to our Novice A Huskies. What a great bunch of boys!

"You know what they say boys, we did have a ball. And as the saying goes guys, we did win it all."



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: After Game 5's do-or-die win against Oro, the Haliburton OMHA Novices are the champions in their final round of hockey action. From left are: Front row: Josh Fick, Calvin Roswell, Chris Johnston, Kevin Bowman and Aaron Donaldson. Middle row: Tim Pettit, Justin Abbs, Matthew Tripp, Jonathan Sharpley, Jesse Johnson and Adam Sisson. Back row: manager Rob Abbs, coach Peter Johnson, assistant coach Lee Donaldson and trainer Glenn Fick.

MNR stocking program may see elk released in Highlands

Haliburton County is being considered as a elk release area by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

At present, 50 elk will be released as a pilot project in the Nipissing-French area beginning next February. There are already two elk herds in the area from a previous restoration attempt made in the 1930s.

The Nipissing -French River area was one of six potential release areas that were identified by the Provincial Elk Restoration Technical Committee established last year. Factors considered included habitat, human population density, historical elk distribution and climate.

The other five areas are Lake of the Woods, Lake Huron's north shore, the

Haliburton Highlands, the Frontenac Axis and the Ottawa Valley.

These areas may be used in the future based on the assessment of the restoration attempt and consultations with area resource managers. Before any animals are transferred, however, there will be further opportunities for local public input.

Elk was ranged in Ontario, but disappeared in the late 1800s because of over-harvesting and loss of habitat. In the 1930s, elk from western Canada were released in several areas of the province as part of an early restoration attempt. The two existing elk herds in the Nipissing-French River area are remnants of this early attempt. The arrival of new elk could benefit these herds.

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PeeWees all tied up ...

Haliburton's Warren Cooper celebrates, above, after putting the Husky PeeWees on the scoreboard Saturday evening with the team's first goal en route to a 2-1 win over Port Stanley. Above right, Jeff Wilson eludes two Port Stanley players in the same game. The Huskies took a one-game lead in the All-Ontario Championship Final Saturday night, but Port Stanley tied things up at two games each on Sunday afternoon. The Huskies travel to Port Stanley, on the shores of Lake Erie, this Saturday to determine who has the best team in the province.



County Bowling Centre results

The following are the recent league results of the County Bowling Centre in Minden:

Tuesday Night Mixed, April 1:

Men: High Average (220), High Single (292), High Single HC (297), High Triple (762), and High Triple HC (777) - Scott Moore. Women: High Average (207) - Cathy Snell; High Single (264), High Single HC (289), High Triple (656), and High Triple HC (731) - Rawn Brown.

Tuesday Seniors, April 1:

Men: High Average (204) - Walt Stegmaier; High Single (276), High Single HC (309), High Triple (687), and High Triple HC (786) - Bob Bullen. Women: High Average (179) - Eleanor Young; High Single (186), High Triple (512), and High Triple HC (674) - Jo Newton; High Single HC (244) - Sandra Kieckhafer.

Thursday Seniors, April 3:

High Average (192) - Jerry Warren; High Single (249), High Single HC (295), High Triple (600) - Wayne Beer; High Triple HC (745) - George Moulton. Women: High

Average (172) - Edith Alzner; High Single (244), High Single HC (309) - Shirley Irwin; High Triple (649) and High Triple HC (787) - Eleanor Lymmer.

Monday Evening Mixed, April 4:

Men: High Average (223) - Scott Moore; High Single (355), High Single HC (361), High Triple (816), and High Triple HC (834) - Ron Robinson. Women: High Average (204) - Marlene Robinson; High Single (246), High Single HC (297), and High Triple HC (806) - Brenda Doiron; High Triple (666) - Michelle Moore.

636 Mixed, April 5:

Men: High Average (198) - Fred Knight; High Single (213) - Lloyd Brown/Jim Hindle; High Single HC (260) - Maurice Winterflood; High Triple (596) and High Triple HC (734) - Lloyd Brown. Women: High Average (161) - Georgina Parkes/Leitha Kuchalema; High Single (223) and High Single HC (304) - Pat Lyons; High Triple (571) - Sheila Burke/Leitha Kuchalema; High Triple HC (734) - Sheila Burke.

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Council acknowledges the tremendous amount of work that Kate has done in the Haliburton Highlands towards the betterment of health and health related services. On behalf of Council, I wish to thank Kate and wish her every success in her future professional activities.

As well, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their support and the many volunteers that have participated in a variety of planning and implementation processes over the years.

Even though Kate will no longer be with the District Health Council, please be assured that the District Health Council will endeavor to continue to support planning initiatives as we do in the other three counties we serve: Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria Counties.

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The combatants for the C division took to the ice first, with Apsley facing Whitney. Apsley led after one as Bob Vance and Andrew Marcus found net, Marc Sorenson had one for Whitney. After two it was tied at 3, Vance getting another for Apsley,

Sorensen and Ross Hildebrandt for Whitney. It was all Whitney in the third as the Shimanos had two unanswered goals to win it 5 - 3! Finishing up for Whitney was Ron Darraugh and Bill Scullion. Way to go Whitney, 'C' champs!

Game two was for the A division between the Clarkson Plumbers and the Haliburton Hawks. Visiting the big city before the event, this game was the talk of the town, stirring up more emotion than W.W.II! The second placed Hawks came out soaring in the first netting two, from Tom Curry and Steve

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Roberts. The Hawks kept coming in the second with Brian Mulholland scoring and Curry getting number two. Late in the period Tim Chambers got the Plumbers on the board. The Plumbers were pressing in the third but to no avail as the Hawks went on to win it 5 - 3. The Hawks' final tally came from

Steve Roberts, with Chambers and Dan Curry scoring for the Clarksons. Congrats to the Haliburton Hawks 'A' champs! The real winner of this contest though had to be 'McKecks'!

Game three was the battle of the B with Bancroft Canadian Tire meeting the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. It was tied at 2 after one, Perry Best and Jim Alden pounding for the Ponders, Lloyd Peters and Craig Partridge for Canadian Tire. The Ponders' Doug Tallman had the only goal of the second. The third was true playoff action with lots of end to end and good

netminding. The Ponders' Ken Riley added one, but Canadian Tire came back to tie it as Partridge had his second and Bill Fransky found net. Two late ones by the Golden Ones' Tony DeCarlo salted it with a 6 - 4 victory! Kudos to the 'B' champs, the Wilberforce Golden Ponders!

This ends another successful season in the W.O.H.L. Thanks to all who helped out, refs, scorekeepers and league president Blaine Lewis. It's a long summer for hockey lovers, so if you miss your favourites just stop by the Manor and pull up a rocker!

Carnarvon bowling results

The following are the recent league results from the Carnarvon Bowling Centre in Carnarvon:

High Average: Men - Bruce Cumming (233); Women - Marlene Robinson (195).

March 25: High Single: Kathy Foster (312) and Bob Webb (310); High Triple: Kathy Foster (698) and Bruce Cumming (722).

Wednesday Afternoon, March 26:

High Single Flat: Men: Ken Thompson (260), George Minors (202), Jim Chamberlain (201), John Whitty (213), Gord Martin (187), Doug Burtch (255); Women: Jean Stead (212), Helen Dentinger (175), Marie Thompson (216), Betty Trapp (199), Lorna Burtch (142), Bea James (197).

Thursday Afternoon, March 27:

High Single Flat: Men: Ben Dentinger (210), Bob Webb (170), Jim Chamberlain (208), Ken Thompson (246), Jim Hindle (172), Doug Burtch (257); Women: Marie Thompson (210), Chosie Cheesman (176), Gorgie Parkes (195), Eleoner Bunker (270), Jean Stead (190), Helen Dentinger (235).

Tuesday Night Mixed, April 1:

Men: Dan Harding (322), Ron Robinson (275), Vince Lancia (267), Bob Webb (234), Chris Nicholls (202), Doug Nash (191); Women: Marlene Robinson (218), Kathy Foster (215), Liz Mahaffy (187), Dawn English (162), Ruth Cumming (143), Sharon Murison (114).

Tuesday League, April 1:

Team 1 - Ladies' Single: Kathaleen Paudash (201); Triple - Kathaleen Paudash (488). Team 2 - Ladies' Single: Ruby Francis (172), Triple: Ruby Francis (492). Men's Single: George Bartley (180), Triple: George Bartley (457). Team 3 - Ladies' Single: Helen Dugan (176), Triple: Helen Dugan (468). Team 4 - Ladies' Single: Muriel Green (261), Triple: Muriel Green (607). Team 5 - Men's Single: Eric Stearns (220); Triple: Eric Stearns (562).

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Test skaters prove themselves on the rink

by Nick Pawluch
and Michael Browne
Skating Parents

At the Haliburton Club, we have a very active Test program, which allows the more interested and dedicated skaters to progress at their own pace. The program derives its name from the various practical tests the skaters are required to pass before they can advance to the next level.

Tests can be tried in all three disciplines: Freestyle, which includes the skater's solo performed to music; single elements (a jump or spin and stroking); Dance and Skating Skills. There are six Freestyle tests ranging from Preliminary, Jr. and Sr. in the Bronze and Silver categories, to the ultimate Gold Freestyle. There are 27 Dance and 7 Skating Skill tests to achieve gold status. Each of these tests is evaluated by an official CFSA judge and you guessed it; a lot of time, effort and money is required to pass each level.

And if this wasn't enough, really keen figure skaters can enter the Competitive skating stream, which can lead them to Sectionals, Divisionals, Nationals (Canadians) and ultimately the Olympics. And of course, this program also entails, its own set of tests. One can only admire these young athletes, who pursue their dreams and goals, by proving themselves at each test level.

When young skaters enter the Test Program, somewhere between 8 and 11 years old, they experience dramatic changes. They often feel intimidated by the older, faster, more powerful Test veterans. They initially spend a significant amount of time trying to get out of the way. Although there's lots of camaraderie in the dressing room, on ice, the skaters are no longer in their small comfortable groups. They are on their own. Although they may work with a friend, ideally they will spend their time in quarter hour private lessons with their coach and working alone to perfect their jumps, spins, footwork and solo

performances. They take pride in each others' achievements as they tease, joke with and cheer on their friends. The skaters featured here represent the younger contingent of our Test Program.

CEDRIC BUTZ, a Grade 6 student at JDHES, earned his Proficiency badge and joined the Test Program two years ago. Cedric's sister Celeste, also a Test skater, sparked his interest in the



Amber Smith



Cedric Butz



Jennifer Perrot



Vanessa Eastmure



Trisha Hunter



Lauren Dart

sport. He enjoys performing his program, set to the Mission Impossible theme, before an audience and eagerly approaches his skating with confidence and artistry. Last season he placed second in competition at Interclub in Bobcaygeon. He continues to work on his technical skills and particularly enjoys the stroking exercises designed to build his strength and speed.

It can sometimes be lonely on the ice for a young male skater, to say nothing of the teasing that inevitably occurs. Cedric assures us that it gets better as you get older and his sage advice is "Try your best and keep your head up!" He advises that his coach yells too much, but is quick to acknowledge that Dave Hollows is a good teacher who encourages him.

LAUREN DART also a Grade 6 student, joined Test this year and has been skating since age 6.

Lauren just likes to skate. She enjoys being part of a group of friends at the rink. She has earned her Proficiency badge and is currently developing her solo. Performance and competition are okay, but she derives much more joy trying to perfect her spins and jumps. She likes the feeling of "taking air" and landing on that thin metal blade. Her goals are focused on enhancing her techni-

student, started skating at age 2. She joined the Test Program three years ago and has attained her Preliminary Freestyle. She is currently working on her Axel (1 1/2 rotations) and her double Salchow jumps. Vanessa loves to compete and skate her solo before an audience. This is one skater who never has to be told to smile. Like a young Josee Chouinard, her smile lights up the whole

of her personal Anti-Couch Potato Campaign! She thinks her coach is fun and helpful, but agrees with Vanna; lose the yelling and the jacket, Dave. She would someday like to attend Sectionals and has an interest in Ice Dance.

JENNIFER PERROT has skated since she was two. You would think that Grade 4 and figure skating would keep her busy, but she makes time to pursue her other skating favourite, hockey. Jenny plays defence and has two assists to her credit. She pushes herself harder with hockey because she doesn't want to let the team down. She doesn't like being boarded and winded or the falls and bruises she suffers from figure skating. Jenny has already competed in Port Carling, Uxbridge and Woodville this season. She has earned her Proficiency badge and hopes to pass her Preliminary Freestyle test soon. In performance, Jenny is confident and very cool. She is energetic and athletic and her soft knees make her a smooth and fluid skater. She credits her coach Aggie Tose and her parents for encouraging her. She dreams someday of competing at the Olympics.

AMBER SMITH is a Grade 5 student at JDHES. She started in the Canskate program at age 4 and after earning her Proficiency Badge she moved to Test three years ago. Since then she has passed two of her Preliminary Dances. Amber skates because she finds it interesting. She enjoys jumping a little more than spinning, which she says sometimes makes her dizzy. Amber has competed at various events over the last few years and likes representing and winning for Haliburton. With a very competitive spirit, she finds competing fun and it makes her work hard to achieve new skills, although she does get a little nervous skating before a crowd. Her most embarrassing moment, in skating, came when she wore her skate guards onto the ice, during a practice. A slippery proposition! Amber is currently developing her new solo. She is a confident and graceful skater who can put a lot of power into her spins. She dreams of going as far as she can in the sport.

arena when she takes to the ice. An energetic skater, Vanna's cute moves, make her an "Imp on Ice". She is a delight to watch. She agrees with Cedric that her coach yells too much, but he is fun and teaches her a lot. And oh yes, Dave, lose the jacket. Baaaad! Vanessa has her sights set on Sectionals, and who knows, some day maybe the Olympics.

TRISHA HUNTER, a Grade 6 student in Gooderham, started skating at age 5 and also has earned her Preliminary Freestyle. Like her pal Vanna, she is working on her Axel and double Salchow and with her new solo, that is in process, hopes to take her Jr. Bronze Freestyle in the future. Trisha is a confident skater whose soft knees give her powerful stroking and smooth landings on her jumps. Competition is not Trisha's first love, but she does love cheering on her older sister Tanya, and her friends with the ever popular "Smile! Happy! Happy!" Trisha skates for the exercise as part

cal skills and achieving the next level, her Preliminary Freestyle test. She dreams of progressing as far as possible in the Test Program and enjoying skating with the other kids. She dedicates herself to the younger kids as an Assistant Canskate Instructor. She is inspired by and admires her co-skaters Tanya Hunter, Cassandra Nimigon and Tristan Pawluch.

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New owner re-incarnates veneer mill

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

With a yard packed full of logs and a steady flow of orders pouring into the office, one of the county's largest private employers is back on its feet.

Wilberforce Veneer, which effectively closed down in October, has been re-incarnated as Ontario Hardwood Veneers under a change of ownership.

In the nearly three months since he bought the financially troubled operation, U.S. businessman Paul LaGrand has been able to expand its market internationally and apparently set it on a solid economic footing.

And that's good news for dozens of Wilberforce area families who depend on the mill for their livelihood, as well as businesses across the county that reap spin-off economic benefits.

"We've been able to re-hire 100 per cent of the old workforce, plus a few extra people," LaGrand said in a phone interview from his office in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On January 20 when he re-opened the mill, there were 21 employees on staff. Today, 34 people are working full-time at the plant, plus four in the office.

LaGrand, who has been in the hardwood veneer business for the past 20 years, owns two other larger mills — one in Sault Ste. Marie and another in Edon, Ohio.

When he heard that Wilberforce Veneer owner Emil Shamash was trying to sell the mill, LaGrand made a trip to the Highlands

in December to look over the operation. With an expanding market base for his products, LaGrand saw potential in another Ontario mill.

Part of the deal's appeal lay in the area's qualified workforce, said LaGrand.

"It was a good, small operation and hadn't been closed so long that skilled people weren't available. Basically, it was going to be a really easy start-up."

The mill now puts out higher grade veneers than it formerly produced.

Previously, the lower grade veneers made at the mill were mainly used for goods where they couldn't be seen, such as the interior framework for upholstered furniture.

Now the majority of veneers produces go to exterior uses in products such as office furniture, musical instruments, flooring, circular window frames and industrial goods.

And with the new products and LaGrand's network of contacts comes an entirely different customer base.

Most of the mill's output goes to clients in the U.S., but LaGrand also fills orders from Japan and the West Indies.

Wilberforce Veneer's clientele was almost exclusively Canadian and American.

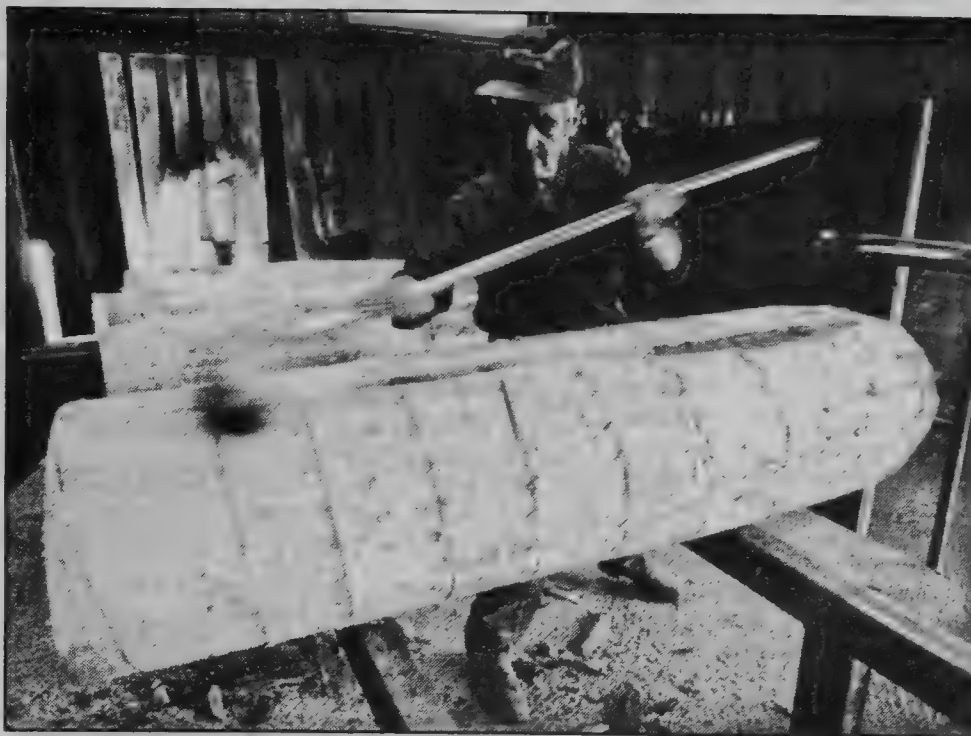
LaGrand has plans to replace the mill's outdated machinery with more advanced and more efficient equipment.

The last time anything in the mill was updated was close to 20 years ago, he said.

The mill's most important piece of machinery, a giant lathe which shaves thin sheets of wood from logs to be pieced together into the actual veneer, is circa 1942.

But it is the clipping machines, which cut the veneer sheets to size, that most urgently need to be updated.

More modern machines waste far less of the raw product. And with the high cost of



BACK ON ITS FEET:

Gary Stoughton, right, manager of Ontario Hardwood Veneers (formerly Wilberforce Veneer), says a steady flow of work orders has been pouring into the mill ever since it was purchased by American businessman Paul LaGrand in January. Above, Eric Saunders, who has worked at the mill for the past 30 years, prepares a log to go into a giant lathe that will shave it into veneer.



logs, the operation can't afford to lose money on wasted wood.

Updating the mill "is going to be kind of a slow process because there is so much to do," said LaGrand. "We won't be able to do it all at once."

Mill manager Gary Stoughton previously worked at Wilberforce Veneer for about seven years as a log buyer before leaving to take a job with Monmouth's roads department.

He said the mill is running very efficiently under LaGrand's ownership.

"We've got a lot of confidence in him and he's got a lot of confidence in us because he's given us quite a free hand to do things," he said.

"... He's been in this business for a long time so he knows what he's doing."

The steady flow of work orders coming into the mill also benefits the area's forestry industry.

"We try to buy as many logs as we can locally because it's good for the people who log," said Stoughton.

There was close to 400,000 feet of logs in the mill's yard last week waiting to be cut and pasted into many more times that quantity of veneer.

LaGrand was in Wilberforce for a few days two weeks ago to check on things at the mill. He plans to pay regular visits to the business about once a month.

And this summer he's hoping to bring his family to the Highlands to see the mill and enjoy the area's scenery on a vacation.

"It's beautiful. It's a gorgeous place," he said.

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Group wants to spare school house

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 18 meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education's management committee.

A Minden group hopes to spare a dilap-

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BRIEFS

idated house owned by the school board from the wrecker's ball.

The Minden Museum Committee believes the old house, located on the grounds adjacent to Archie Stouffer Elementary School, is historically signifi-

cant to the area.

Board trustees recently voted to have the farm house demolished, rather than taking on the expense of fixing it up so that it could be rented out as it has been in the past.

But the museum committee has asked the board to postpone a final decision on destroying the house for at least six months to give the committee time to rally support to preserve the house.

Though the house hasn't been formally declared a historical site, the museum committee has placed it on its own short list of sites to be protected under the Ontario Heritage Act, Larry Hodgson says in a letter to the board.

He proposes that the house be restored into a working historical classroom that could be used by students at ASES during the school year.

During the summer, it would be a tourist attraction and could be rented out for special occasions, he says.

Hodgson believes the restoration work could be done for "little or very minimum cost" with the co-operation of various community organizations.

He suggests the project would provide a positive educational experience for students, who could learn about their local historical background through the house's restoration.

Trustees on the board's management committee don't have a problem with the museum committee preserving the house — provided it can be moved off the board's land.

If the house remains on board property, the school board would continue to be held liable for it.

In the past there has been some vandalism at the site, said the board's business administrator Jim Bradley.

The board has approved the management committee's recommendation to give Minden's museum committee until mid-June to determine whether it can

afford to move the old house across the street to the museum's grounds and restore it.

If it can't, the board will go ahead with plans to have the house torn down and removed.

Ceiling repair money

The Ministry of Education has given the board the go ahead to use a facility renewal grant of about \$81,000 to replace the ceilings in the high school's oldest wing this summer.

In late November a heavy gypsum board ceiling in one of the science labs at HHSS collapsed. Fortunately, the accident happened over the weekend when the school was empty so no one was hurt.

However, a structural engineer warned that the trusses holding up the ceilings in 13 other classrooms in that wing — built in 1952 — are below current design standards and need to be replaced.

In January the province announced \$45-million in funding for boards to rehabilitate schools that need serious maintenance work.

This month the board received approval to use its share of the grant money on ceiling repairs at HHSS, said business administrator Jim Bradley.

The provincial funding will go about half-way toward covering the \$161,000 tab.

Rather than disrupting the students and staff by beginning the construction immediately, trustees decided in December to have the ceilings replaced over the summer.

But while that causes fewer headaches for the high school, it creates scheduling problems for the School of Fine Arts, which traditionally offers the majority of its summer courses at HHSS.

The School of Fine Arts is making up for the reduced space by holding more courses at nearby J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and other Haliburton locations.



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A 30-minute question and answer period will follow.

Guest speakers:

Dave Mowat, a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, will outline the ELM Project, which the HHOA supports.

Al Wainio will talk about CFIP

(Community Fisheries Improvement Program).

A representative from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will make a presentation.

Committee reports:

Various committee chairs from the HHOA will update their activities. Topics will include hatchery projects, spawning bed rehabilitation projects and others.

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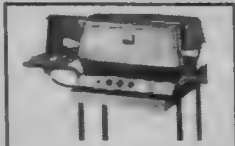


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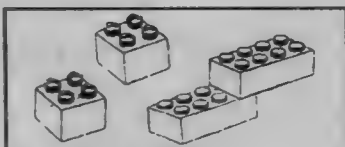


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Board directors, chairs want to sit on local EIC

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton County Board of Education's meeting on March 25.

School trustees want the directors of the Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka board, plus at least the chairperson from each board, to sit on a committee that would help oversee the transition to a proposed district board next January.

The province was expected to pass legislation last week that would cut in the number of major boards in half to 66 from 129.

Under the plan, local Education Improvement Committees would assist a provincial Education Improvement Commission to make the switch to fewer boards in just nine months.

However, board officials have been given few details about who will sit on the local EICs or exactly what kinds of decisions they will handle.

In the absence of information, Haliburton's board — as well as the Muskoka and Victoria boards — decided to recommend a committee make-up of their own.

Haliburton board director Brad Saunders said he has heard one scenario which would see very large local EICs, comprising members of the board, teachers' federations, union groups and the community.

Given the short time-frame before the boards may be required to amalgamate, it may be difficult for such a large committee representing so many different groups to make decisions quickly, he said.

But regardless of the board's recommendation, the leaders of the provincial EIC may already have made up their minds on the structure of the local committees.

Ann Vanstone, the former chair of the Metropolitan Toronto School Board, and David Cooke, an education minister in the former NDP government, have been appointed to head the provincial commission.

At a recent meeting of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association which he attended, Salvatori said Vanstone and Cooke told members that each board would be allowed three trustees plus their director on the local EICs. Some larger boards would be allowed four trustees.

The local committees would have various sub-committees, including members from all of the interest groups, said Salvatori.

Reading Readiness

Haliburton's school board is hoping to get an early start to prepare young children to learn how to read.

The board wants to reach out to "reluctant readers" before they've even begun Kindergarten so it can help them get ready for school and overcome potential learning difficulties.

Over the next six weeks each school with Kindergarten will hold a series of meetings for parents of children planning to start Kindergarten in the fall.

Parents will be able to speak with reading specialists and the board's speech and language pathologist to better prepare their children for the challenges of reading.

The dates of the meetings will be announced.



ARTISTS HONOURED: A dozen local artists were recognized for their work by the Guild of Fine Arts during Saturday's members' show at the Rails' End Gallery. Awards of Merits went to: Walter Verhoeven, Knitting and Crochet; Shelley Beach, Watercolour; Grahame Wales, Pottery; Wendy Bateman, Textile; and Kai-Liis McInnes, Painting. Guild Award scholarships were given to: Chris Stender, Excellence in Textiles; Bob Robbins, Excellence in Three-Dimensional Work; and Ruth Orr, Excellence in Framed work. Other scholarships went to: Barbara-Joy Peel, Award of Overall Excellence and Pat Irwin Memorial Award of Excellence in Pottery; Lynn Roberge Brohm, Ethel Curry Award in Memory of Pat Irwin; and Jean Bolt, Best New Artist. On hand to pick up their awards from presenter Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon (far right) were: Walter Verhoeven, Chris Stender, Grahame Wales, John Peel, on behalf of his wife Barbara-Joy Peel, Jean Bolt and Lynn Roberge Brohm.

HRDC gets \$200,00 additional funding

The Haliburton County Development Corporation has received \$200,000 in additional funding from the federal government to continue its community development work.

"The federal government's additional funding places the people of the Haliburton area in the best position to identify their own economic and business development priorities. With this funding, the HCDC will be able to build on the success it has already achieved in strengthening the local economy and creating jobs," says MP

John O'Reilly.

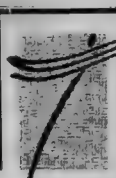
The Haliburton CDC, one of 52 Community Futures Development Corporations in Ontario, has provided community and business development services to Haliburton and the surrounding area for the past 11 years.

This additional funding will allow the CDC to invest in local small businesses to create and maintain jobs where sufficient

financing is not available from other sources.

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Deadline for submission is **April 21, 1997, at 4:00 p.m.** Selected proposals will be heard on **April 25, 1997.** A detailed RFP is available by calling (705) 749-3250, or making a written request to:

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ARTIST AT WORK: Kevin Dick tries his hand at painting while his mom Wendy looks on during activities planned by Sir Sandford Fleming College eco-tourism students at Head Lake Park as part of MapleFest on Saturday.

Hospitals face \$100K deficit

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board.

The hospitals are facing a combined deficit of \$100,000, but the chairman says when you put it in perspective of the past year's financial challenges, there's nothing to apologize about.

In 1996, the fiscal year ended with spending totalling \$3.3-million, Hugh Nichol said. A year later, spending had dropped to \$2,980,000. That's a drop of \$355,000, or 10.6%. To balance the books for next year, the drop from 1996 would be \$580,000 or 17%. If there was to be no deficit, that percentage would be 24%.

Nichol said "maybe we didn't balance the budget but (the Ministry of Health) asked a lot and we gave a lot."

Dr. Norm Bottum agreed. Doctors are concerned that further cuts would jeopardize the quality of service at the hospital.

"We have to continue to find

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balances but it comes to a point where we have to say it's not safe for this to work."

"There are just no more savings to be had other than a dime here and a dime there, and that's not enough," said Ross Rabjohn of the finance committee.

Memberships

As of last Thursday, more than 750 people had paid their \$5 to become members of the board's corporation. The deadline, which abides by the board's constitution as it relates to requiring membership three months prior to the annual general meeting in June, was the next day; so the final count is expected to rise.

The board was pleased at this high level of support – and that it now has at least \$3,750 it didn't have before.

Funding

Is a cheque in the hand worth more than the hope of a bigger

cheque in the future?

At a recent "town hall" meeting with MPP Chris Hodgson, Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor suggested that the renovations and addition to Hyland Crest be put on hold until the board find out if the Ministry of Health will pay 100% of the dollars, instead of the current 50%.

The board's executive director, Foster Loucks, said that based on a recent meeting with Ministry officials, that approach is a "crap shoot" since no new funding formula has been adopted.

"We could take the grant (we have now) or ask for the extra and we'd have to start in the line (for funding approval) all over again," Loucks said. This could delay the project even more.

He thinks the board could go ahead with present funding and then ask for the balance later if more funding becomes available.

Resignations

Two of the Haliburton representatives on the board, Barbara Dawson and Dwaine Lloyd, have resigned. Their replacements will soon be sought.

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April 11-13, 18-19 **ANNE OF GREEN GABLES** 7:30 pm. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Tickets from Paulette's in Haliburton, The Store Room in Minden after February 19. Presented by Drama Club, HHSS and Highlands Little Theatre.
April 19, St. George's Anglican Church presents **CELEBRATE**, a concert featuring the 60 voice Mohawk College Singers. Haliburton Legion, 7:30pm. Reserved tickets \$17.50 advance (\$20 at the door), \$10. students, available at Perfect Prints, Master's Bookstore in Haliburton or Campbell's Flowers, Minden. Proceeds to Church Restoration.
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German student trades in books for timber-framing tools and experience

by DONNA L. OTTLEY
Northern Timberhouse

Hans Porschitz, a 25-year-old wood technology student at Fachhochschule Rosenheim, Germany, has spent the past five months working with Northern Timberhouse in Minden.

Last February, Hans contacted Northern Timberhouse after his uncle in Calgary sent him our colour brochure.

"I've done carpentry and worked on an environmentally friendly building project through my school in Rosenheim. We don't have many timber frames in Germany and when I saw the photos in the Northern Timberhouse brochure, I knew this is where I wanted to spend my practical term," Hans says just before packing up a crate to head home.

Wood technology (studying the properties of wood, wood products and their uses in industry) has become a high priority in Germany.

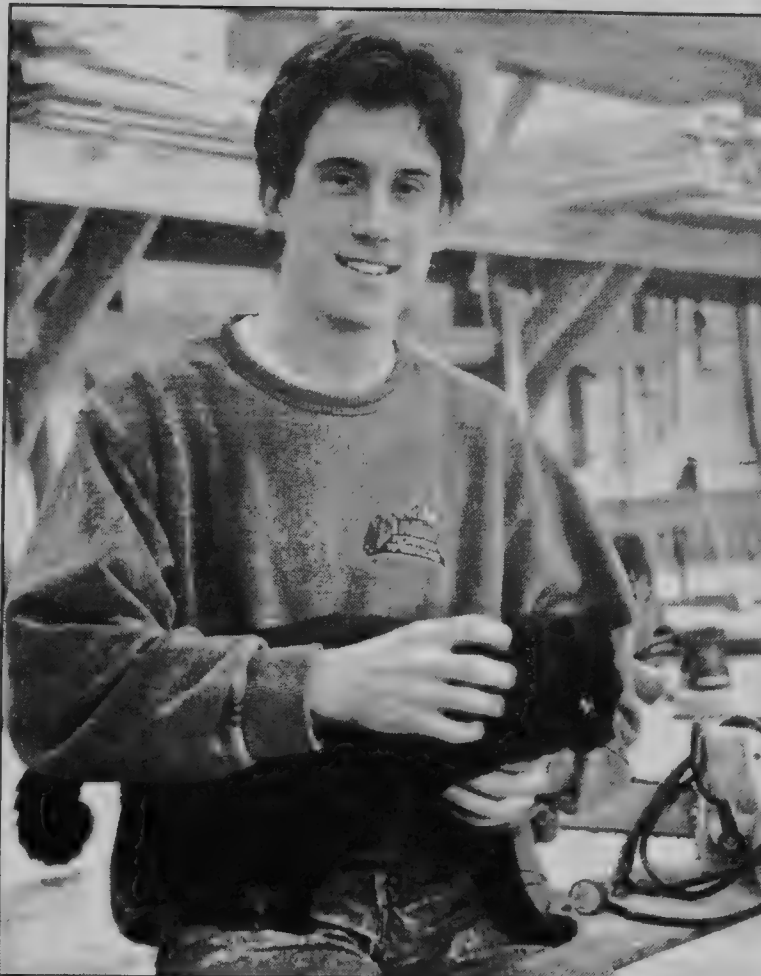
"Rosenheim, where my school is located, has been a wood town for centuries," Hans says. "When the forests began disappearing in Germany, the government stepped in. Now, more wood is grown than is cut down. They started infill planting with fast growing species like fir and spruce. This wasn't a perfect solution - there were problems with disease and insect infestations - so other species were introduced and more mixed forests planted. Even Douglas fir was introduced a few years ago. My school has developed a curriculum that teaches many subjects related to the use of wood in construction and industry. Many of our professors and

engineers come to Canada. They consult with the management staff of kitchen cabinet companies and others that build furniture."

Granted a scholarship from Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft e.V., an international, non-profit training exchange and development organization based in Cologne, Germany, Hans arrived in Canada last August. After spending a few weeks with his uncle in Calgary, Hans drove alone along the TransCanada highway and arrived in the Highlands at the beginning of September. Here, he took the first steps toward gathering material for his research project.

"I'm studying the method use to enclose timber frames - foam core panels. These are manufactured in North America and contain synthetic materials. There have been some alternatives discussed over the past few years, such as straw bales, but there's not really much of a choice yet. In Germany, we are very environmentally aware and active. We know that we are living in a country with limited natural resources. For instance, when a new house is built in my country, the government dictates that everything used in the construction must be recyclable. So, lots of styrofoam is used for insulation. There are heavy fines for not sorting construction waste properly. Even car makers have to comply. Every car they build, they have to take back. When an old car comes back, every single piece of it is taken apart, sorted, re-manufactured, re-built and reused."

Hans worked with the Northern Timberhouse crew through several building projects



EAGER TO LEARN: Hans Porschitz, a German wood technology student, decided to come to Minden's Northern Timberhouse to get hands-on experience while on a scholarship.

- cutting foam core panels, watching frames being raised and enclosed - while he discussed his project with timber suppliers and other sub-contractors. Early in December last year, he drove through coastal Eastern U.S. states and visited a manufacturer of foam core panels. He also toured several American timber framing companies. Now he's diligently working on a report to summa-

rize his findings. Northern Timberhouse is anticipating some new and exciting ideas to help develop product alternatives for clients.

"Hans is a quiet guy," says Alfredo Rico, President of Northern Timberhouse, "but he didn't hesitate to roll up his sleeves and learn our craft from the inside. He asked questions, gathered information, thought about it and then ventured his

opinion. Hans won't tell you what he can do. He does it and then shows it to you! We're going to miss him. His technical knowledge is valuable but most important is Hans' eagerness to learn and his self-discipline in pragmatic problem-solving. He's got a super attitude and there's no doubt in my mind that Hans will succeed wherever his heart leads him."

"I was so lucky to come to this part of Ontario and work with the people at Northern Timberhouse," Hans says. "The quality of craftsmanship I've seen at this company is spectacular. It inspires me to go back to Germany and investigate the possibility of starting a timber frame business there after I graduate. And I've found a lot of friends here. People in the Highlands are so friendly."

Impressed with the huge distances in our country and the countless differences in landscapes, Hans has put lots of kilometres on his vehicle and taken more than 500 photographs!

Over Christmas, Hans camped and hiked in Algonquin Park with friends. "There's no end to the activities you can do here. And most of them are a lot cheaper than in Germany. If I'm ever in a bad mood, all I have to do is go for a walk alone in the bush. I get over it really fast!"

"I have a few fellow students from Germany who are also spending their practical term here in Ontario. They work for firms in larger places like Kitchener and Toronto. Although they're enjoying themselves down there, they always want to come to Haliburton during their time off!"

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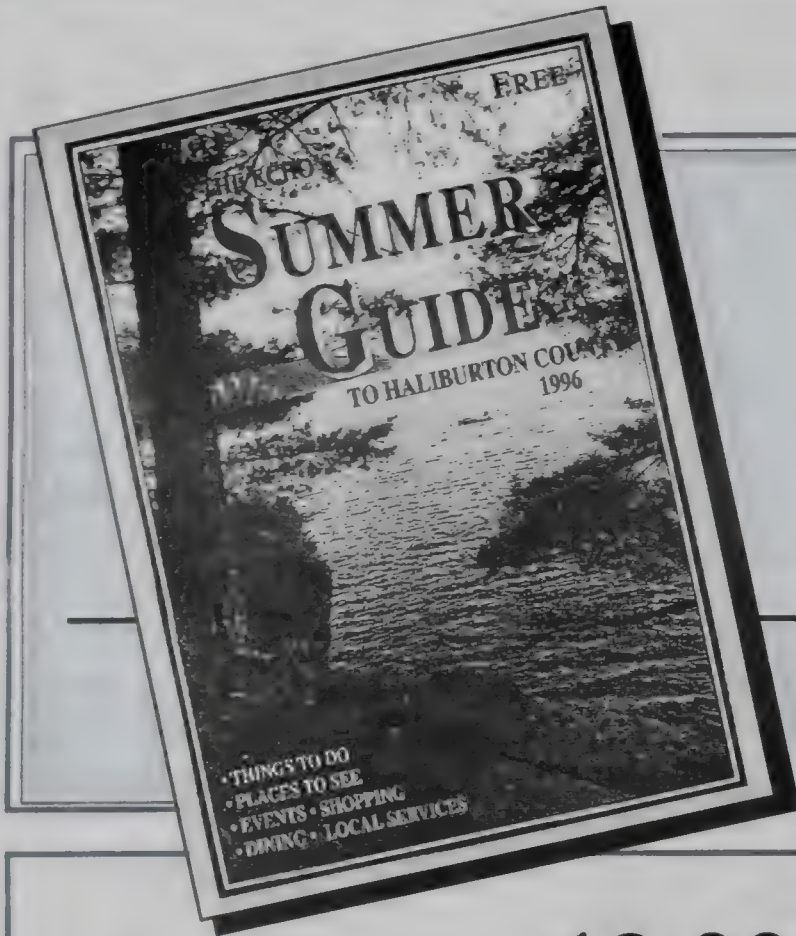
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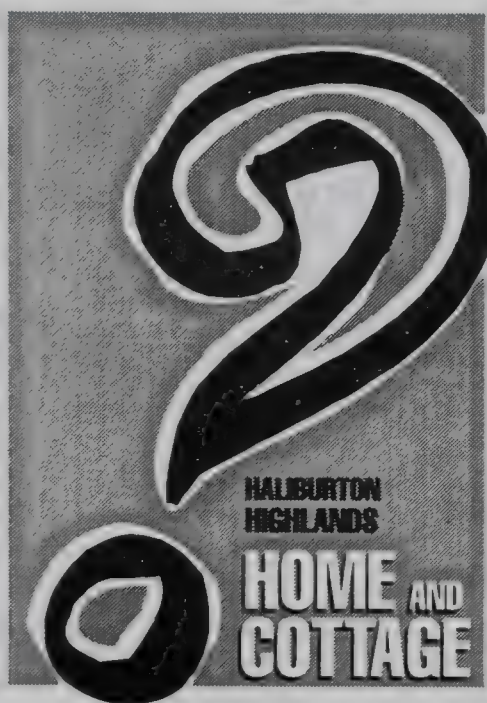
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Choir gives St. George's something to sing about

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

FROM THE ROUSING Hallelujah chorus of Handel's Messiah to a toe-tapping Broadway hum-along, there'll be something for everyone when the Mohawk College Singers perform at the Haliburton Legion on April 19.

Perhaps more importantly, by the end of the evening, there'll be something for the bank account of the St. George's restoration fund.

The 50-voice choir from Hamilton and internationally renowned organist Christopher Dawes are donating their time and talent to this latest fundraising event for the Anglican church in Haliburton. The money raised through ticket sales and donations will help to pay for needed repairs.

"We think it's going to be an excellent concert and they want to do this for St. George's," says Rev. Christopher Greaves. Altogether, the goal of the restoration fund is \$30,000 and two other local concerts have already been held, The Glory of Christmas and the Easter Cantata with organist Bill Gliddon.

The Mohawk College Singers were founded 27 years ago and a short biogra-

phy says "the repertoire now includes most of the great choral literature, much of which has been performed with Symphony Hamilton... (The choir, under the direction of Christopher Hunt,) has become a dynamic, energetic choral organization."



FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Organist Christopher Dawes, above, will play for the Mohawk College Singers, right, on April 19.

Christopher Dawes is a freelance performer based, as assistant organist, at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto. Greaves is particularly delighted that Dawes is making the visit to Haliburton because Dawes is quite busy with the cathedral's 200th anniversary celebrations.

He has performed widely in Canada, and has both toured and been broadcast in the northeastern United States and Europe. Last season he made CDs and broadcasts with the Aradia Baroque Ensemble and Orpheus Choir; gave solo recitals, including one at Roy Thomson Hall; and has been soloist with Toronto Festive Brass, Apollo Chamber Ensemble, Etobicoke Symphony, and in Toronto and Pittsburgh performances with the Purcell Consort.

Although he won't be able to bring the cathedral's magnificent organ with him,



St. George's is specially renting a two-manual, hand-built, electronic organ with pedal board. There will be two columns of speakers for optimum sound quality and Greaves says "it will have the old church sound."

The first half of the performance is sacred music, including two pieces from Handel's Messiah and Mendelssohn's St. Paul oratorio. After the intermission, the choir will take "a trip down memory lane" with popular songs.

About 50 of the choir's 60 members will be coming, and they're staying at Wigamog. Local choir members will entertain them on Saturday.

There is seating for approximately 200 people at the Haliburton Legion. Tickets are \$17.50 each before April 15, \$20 at the door, \$10 students and are available at St. George's, Master's Book Store and Perfect Prints in Haliburton, and Campbell's Flowers in Minden. Reserved seating is advised.



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Anne comes to the Highlands



by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

WHEN MILLIE PAYNE was a teenager, and we won't say how long ago that was, someone told her that "teenagers today are all going to the dogs."

"I looked at my friends and said 'no we're not. We're nice people,'" she said, vowing that when she got to a certain age, she'd not only never put down teenagers, but she'd try to be around them as much as possible.

Well, over the past few months she's fulfilled that promise to herself. In spades. Or should that be spuds? Payne is directing the delightful musical about that red-headed girl from PEI, Anne of Green Gables.

The musical is a joint production between the Highlands Little Theatre and the high school Drama Club, so there are lots of teenagers involved, both on the stage and behind the scenes. Payne has nothing but praise for all of them, and says they've even made her feel a few years younger.

"They're wonderful - fantastic," she says without a moment's hesitation. "They're having a really good time, too."

Of course, two of the leads just happen to be teenagers. Shirleen DeHaan is Anne and Payne says she's "downright amazing. Her voice is beautiful."

Bryn Gray as the teenaged Gilbert could have been type-cast, she says. Not only his voice perfect for the role, but his vibrant, youthful manner brings the character to life.

Two of the other leads are a bit past their teenaged years, but Payne's enthusiasm is equally as warm. John Miller plays Matthew Cuthbert and Payne has great respect for him both as an actor and singer.

"He puts so much thought into the part he's playing. He's so wrapped up in it. He thinks 'Matthew would do this' or 'Matthew would feel this way.' I call him Mr. Suggestion."

Lindsey Coates as Matthew's sister Marilla also seems born for the role, and is more than able to portray the complexities of the character. "She loves Anne and Matthew dearly but she can't tell them. At the end when she breaks down and sings I Can't Find the Words, there won't be a dry eye."

Rehearsals began before Christmas, but Payne and the other organizers began plotting

out the production for months before that. This is Payne's directoral debut, but not her introduction to the musical or theatrical world. When she and her husband John lived in Toronto (before retiring to Basshaunt Lake), they were members of the York Minstrels. Locally, they perform with the Messiah Choir.

"It's a great way to meet people - we made life-long friends (through the choirs)," she says. When putting your talents - and egos - on the table for a creative performance, strong bonds are forged. "You're out and a limb and you work together and become very close."

Payne's also become very attached to the Green Gables musical. "It's an exceptional play, quite unique," she says. "It's real and true to life. And the music is the kind you go out of the theatre singing."

Along with Payne as director, the musical's musical director is Melissa Stephens, Wayne Cooper is the producer, Terry Matthews is the choreographer and Doug Brohm is the set designer.

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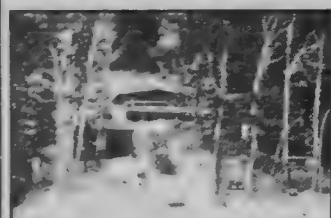
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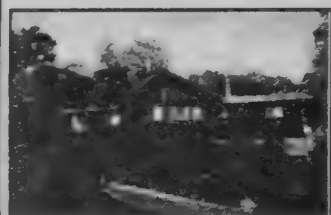
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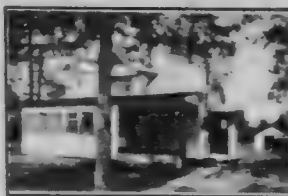
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LONG SERVICE AWARD

At the recent Ontario Good Roads Association convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Jack Barnhart, right, was given a Long Service Award by the Minister of Transportation, Al Palladini, left. All recipients had been piped into the large banquet hall and their families invited to be guests for the luncheon and awards ceremony. The Carnarvon resident began operating trucks and roads equipment 35 years ago. He spent 25 years with Francis Thomas and the past 10 years with the Anson, Hindon and Minden roads department. This spring, Mr. Barnhart will retire, but that doesn't mean he's ready to stop working and he's bound to find something to keep him busy. Congratulations on the award and also his years of long and dedicated service to the Highlands.

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Christ's walk to Golgotha symbolized by local Crosswalk

RHUBARB PATCH

Eagle Lake News

Ruth Still
754-2602

On Good Friday afternoon "The Walk of the Cross" was made in Haliburton from the high school to the United Church. All local churches, about 200 people participated in the walk and the stops for songs and prayers. This walk symbolized Christ's walk from Pilate's court to Golgotha.

On the first day of spring Dorothy Taylor of Eagle Lake reported the first robin sighting. Two fine days the next week brought out robins, kill-deers and others, as if they have been poised 20 miles away waiting and maybe hoping for exposed grass. Poor little duffers! A cold end to March sent us all back to our burrows.

The Eagle Lake Church, newly-painted with new rug, was a grand sight at Easter. The new colours bring the stained glass windows to life. The combined choir of West Guilford and Eagle Lake, trained by Linda Benson, sang with inspiration.

We were saddened by the death, of Harold Fawns. In 1955 he and Peg established Fawn's Point cottages and snack bar. He was very much part of the Eagle Lake scene and had helped with the last church painting about 1970. In retirement the Fawns moved to Parson's Road and then to an apartment at Echo Hills. A quiet helpful man, he will be missed - especially for his skill at our monthly euchre games.

The musical Anne of

Green Gables as in final rehearsals for opening night, April 11. Its leaders deserve praise for such an ambitious project: Director - Millie Payne, Music Director - Melissa Stevens, Choreographer - Terri Matthews, Producer - Wayne Cooper.

The casting of the young thespians seems to have unearthed some real talent, and the acting reinforces such qualities as responsibility and cooperation.

Meantime 'the snow is retreating like an army defeated.' Surely we dare think "Spring", again.



A NEW KIND OF CROSSWALK: On Good Friday, about 200 local Christians participated in a "Crosswalk." A large wooden cross was carried from the high school, along Head Lake and the main street, to Haliburton United Church. Here, Pastor Bob Power of Allsaw Pentecostal and Rev. Christopher Greaves of St. George's carry the cross as the walk begins. Our thanks to Betty Moore for the photo.

AT WORK IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Access to information on federal programs and services is vital to all Canadians. The Government of Canada is working hard to ensure that rural residents, whether they live in Trinity, Nfld., Radville, Sask., or Smithers, B.C., have access to the information they need...

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Canada

The Echo is moving this week so the office will be closed Wednesday. Thank you for your co-operation. We're now at the corner of Highland and Cedar

March goes out with a wintry brrr...

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe 766-2237

Happy birthday to Erin Cunningham, Adam Jones, Emily Shortreed, Kimberly Spielberg, Rick Morris, and Sherri Keown.

We always thought March was maple syrup month but this March the weather didn't cooperate. We had the cold, frosty nights but the days didn't warm up so the sap could run. We hope that April will produce some desired weather so the cause won't be a total loss. How

sad we would all be without some delicious Muskoka or Haliburton maple syrup.

The next Foot Clinic will be held at the Dorset Senior Club on Tuesday, April 15. Their clinic is open to everyone, not just seniors. The cost is \$10, and appointments may be made by calling Fred Promoli, 766-2076. Fran Gower, R.N., operates the clinic and if you have difficulty cutting your toenails, for any reason, your feet will feel great after having them taken care of at the clinic.

A group of seniors was treated to a bus trip to the Rama casino, which

included a delicious lunch. The bus just came as far as Baysville so the group had to go that far by car. It was a day out and very enjoyable. I don't think there was any "big" money won or lost; at least nobody was telling if such was the case. It's very generous of the casino to provide these trips, of course. There is method in their generosity.

One wonders what making gambling so easily accessible will do for the younger generation (or the older one). One certainly reads or hears of lives being ruined by the addiction to gambling (as well as alcohol). However, many people enjoy them

and think they are great. The casinos send around these buses and gather up loads of gullible people for a day out, which is great. How many innocents use up next month's rent money, being sure that the next pull on the handle will produce a bundle? (Seems almost obscene). I, obviously, was not among the big winners, but this isn't sour grapes. Just some thoughts I've had on the subject.

H.H. To clean soiled shirt collars use a small brush and brush hair shampoo into soiled area. Shampoo is designed to dissolve body oils.

Trillium Foundation launches award for caring communities

The Trillium Foundation of Ontario is launching a major new annual award program to find, celebrate and learn from communities which are successfully addressing social and economic issues in new and innovative ways.

"It's not simply a matter of acknowledging kindness. We are looking for communities with outstanding successes from which we can all learn. Cohesive communities which work together and support each other have more success addressing economic and social issues - everything from child poverty to unemployment," said Pauline Couture, chair of the

Caring Communities Award Advisory Board.

A broadly defined array of communities such as cities, communities of interest, villages and towns, business and affinity groups can apply. Up to five will be recognized this year with a \$20,000 grant to support further community development and a host of opportunities to share their ideas and vision with others.

Applications for a Caring Community Award will be judged on four major criteria:

- significant and specific community achievements;
- creative and sustainable use of resources;
- recognition and

involvement of diverse interests in community decision-making;

- potential to teach and inspire others.

"We're not looking for perfect communities. They don't exist. We're looking for great ideas that take us to a future where people feel a sense of belonging

and are active players in setting their own destinies," said Ms. Couture.

The deadline is June 20, 1997.

Applications are available by calling 1-800-263-2887 or by visiting the web site at <http://www.trilliumfoundation.org>

Carnvarvon UCW's spring tea Apr. 16

by ANNE MCKAY

Zion UCW met April 1. The annual spring tea will be April 16 at 2:30 p.m. All welcome. The rally will be held in Norland United Church on May 7 and a workshop will be held in the CE Building April 9 at 9 a.m. to make the banner for the May 25 & 26 Bandy weekend.

Our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wiltshire.

Joyce's father passed away in Florida.

Having family home for the Easter weekend were: Norman Wallace, Cecil and Yvonne Penney, Bill McKay, Garth and Helen Windsor, Jack and Roene Barnhart, Lorne and Evelyn Colman, Betty Davis, Neil Russel and we had family home.

Welcome home to Jim and Pearl Foster who have wintered in Florida.

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL ATTENTION

EQUIPMENT/TRUCK OWNERS
Forms are available from the Municipal Office to list available equipment/trucks and rental rates (as required) for the year 1997.

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Gary MacDonald
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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT AUCTION Auction Sale for Highway Construction Materials Testing Equipment and Field Trailers

The Ministry of Transportation, Northern Region will be conducting an auction sale for the entire contents of the Regional Aggregate Testing Facility. The auction will be held on Friday, April 18, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Regional Complex, located at 447 McKeown Avenue, North Bay. Contents include equipment and supplies for testing soils, aggregates, asphalt, and concrete.

In addition, the sale will include 38 field laboratory and office trailers located at various locations within the region, on an "as is-where is" basis. Bidding for these trailers will be conducted at the regional complex day of sale.

Viewing at the Regional Testing Facility and trailers at the various sites will be held Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be the bidders responsibility to view the contents of each trailer as they will be sold off site.

The auctioneer will require a \$100.00 refundable deposit to be paid by each bidder upon registration.

For a tentative listing of sale items, call 705-497-5521 or 705-497-5488.



THE TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH TO STOP UP, CLOSE, CONVEY AND SELL PART OF THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE LYING IN FRONT OF PART LOT 6, CONCESSION 6, TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH, COUNTY OF HALIBURTON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH PROPOSES TO CONSIDER AND IF DEEMED ADVISABLE, TO PASS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILBERFORCE, ONTARIO, ON MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 1997 AT 8:00 P.M., A BY-LAW TO STOP UP, CLOSE, CONVEY AND SELL PART OF THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE LYING IN FRONT OF PART LOT 6, CONCESSION 6, TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH, COUNTY OF HALIBURTON AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS PART 1 ON 19R-6307 ON A PLAN OF SURVEY BY C.T. STRONGMAN, ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 10TH, 1997.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:

Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, designated as Part 1 on Plan 19R-6258.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 29th day of April, 1997, at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: March 18, 1997

Diane J. Griffin,
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Corporation of the Township of Sherborne,
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This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 16, Concession 6, Township of McClintock, along the shore of McFadden Lake (also known as Crozier Lake) and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting Part 1 - MacLean.

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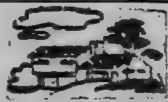
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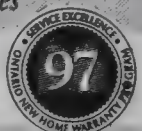
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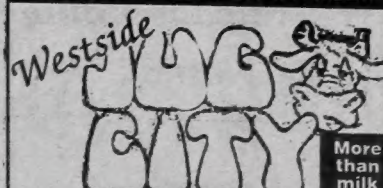
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COOKS REQUIRED

Prefer graduate of accredited cooking program. Experience on line required. Ability to work under seasonal pressure. Weekends mandatory. Deadline for applications April 15. Absolutely no phone calls.
1. **FULL-TIME YEAR-ROUND** 2nd COOK for busy, casual dining room, 70 seats, full-range menu. Must be able to Chef when required. Please respond in writing to: Rudy's Restaurant, R.R. #2, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0 or fax to 705-489-1426.
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MOVING SALE: We have too much office furniture/equipment/supplies for our new location. Viewing of sale items will take place at our York Street office on Thursday, April 17 only, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Itemized list available on that day. Closed bids must be returned by April 21. Watch for more details in next week's ad. **Haliburton Employment Centre, York St., 457-1316.** CA

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220 EMPLOYMENT WANTED

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280 COMING EVENTS

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Sat., Apr. 12/97
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280 COMING EVENTS

FIREARMS ACQUISITION CERTIFICATE COURSE (Wilberforce)
Fri., Apr. 18 - 7 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Apr. 19 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 20 - EXAM
Course Material and exam: \$75.00
Call to Preregister:
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HALIBURTON CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
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EVANGELIST JOHN EDWARDS
from Wales
Friday, April 11th
at 7:30 p.m.
John was a night club rock 'n roll pianist. After his conversion he attended Bible School, pastored a church and has since ministered in the United Kingdom, England, Portugal and Canada. He and his wife have seen a real move of God in these places. Children's video provided. Located below Henwood's Variety, Highland Street
Everyone Welcome! CA

HALIBURTON FIGURE SKATING CLUB
presents
FOOD, FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD
Sunday, April 13, 1997
2:00 p.m.
Dysart Arena
Admission: \$5.00
Children 12 & under, Free
Guest Skaters:
Adam & Kaitlyn Colville
Door Prizes/Silent Auction CA

OPEN HOUSE

The family and staff of
DONALD J. FINN
would like to invite clients and friends to celebrate 35 years of practising law. To be held at the office between 2:00pm & 4:00pm on APRIL 14, 1997
Best Wishes Only

280 COMING EVENTS

JOIN HALIBURTON COUNTY Home Support Services', First Annual "Fling into Spring", at the Minden Arena, on April 30th. Doors open at 11 a.m. Buy or bring lunch. Free coffee and dessert. Entertainment provided by John Menzies. Challenge the best at: Bridge, Cribbage, Euchre or Scrabble. Door Prizes, Top and Bottom Prizes awarded. Tickets \$6. Tickets available at Minden I.D.A., Henwood's Variety Haliburton, Home Support Haliburton. For further details call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941. CA

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April 21/97 - June 23/97

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Haliburton County Home
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May 12 to July 24, 1997
Cost is \$40 with HCHSS
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without card.
Times available:
Tuesday: 8 - 9 a.m.
10 - 11 a.m.
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Thursday: 10 - 11 a.m.
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310 NOTICES

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Interested Citizens should
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320 PERSONAL

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DAD - 50 is a lot younger than
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Love, Kate and Christine.

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310 NOTICES

320 PERSONAL

**DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM
WITH SOMEONE WHO
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DRINKING?** Alcoholics Anony-
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390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
MackINNON (nee Rouble):
Suddenly in Calgary on
March 24, 1997, Catherine Ann
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daughter, Kaitlynn Jenny Ann,
and many special friends.
Catherine will be sadly missed
by her parents, John and Carol
Rouble, of St. Mary's, Ontario,
her sister Kimberly Joan of
Toronto, her brother John
Christopher of Markham, On-
tario, and Muncey MacKinnon
of Calgary. The funeral service
was held at Foster's Funeral
Home, Calgary, on April 1, 1997
with interment in Queen's Park
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DAVIES, BILL - In loving mem-
ory of a dear brother who
passed away April 12, 1978.
Tenderly we treasure the past
Memories that will always last;
When we cease to think of you
Will be when God calls us too.
Sadly missed by brother
Richard.

DAVIES, BILL - In loving mem-
ory of a dear brother and uncle
who passed away April 12,
1978.
Gone are the days we used to
share,
But in our hearts you are always
there,
The gates of memory will never
close,
We miss you more than anyone
knows.
With tender love and deep re-
gret,
We who love you will never for-
get.
Sadly missed by sister **Barbara,
Roy, Debbie, Sheldon, Cheryl,
Maxine, Tim, Chris, Eric.**

HANCOCK, JAMIE - In loving
memory of a dear nephew,
cousin and friend who passed
away April 7, 1996.
Our minds see your face and
we're lonely
Our hearts feel your loss and we
cry,
Sometimes the pain is unbear-
able
So many times we've asked
why;
Many good times we had to-
gether
We'll cherish them as long as
we live,
Your time with us ended too
suddenly
You had so much more to give;
God took your hand, we had to
part
He eased your pain but broke
our hearts,
If we could have one dream
come true
We'd pray for yesterday and
you.
Sadly missed, lovingly remem-
bered by **Uncle Tim, Aunt
Jean, Ben and Amanda-Jo.**

HANCOCK, JAMIE - In loving
memory of a dear grandson
who passed away April 7, 1996.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name
But all we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
They say memories are golden
Well maybe that is true,
But we never wanted memo-
ries, Jamie
We only wanted you.

There will always be a
heartache
And often a silent tear,
But always the precious mem-
ories
Of the days when you were
here.
We hold you close to our hearts
And there you will remain,
To walk with us through our lives
Until we meet again.
Sadly missed and lovingly re-
membered by your grand-
mother **Margaret Hancock.**

KLAPOW - In memory of Lu-
cille Klapow, who passed away
April 12, 1993, and Walter
Klapow, who passed away
March 22, 1985.
Those whom we love go out of
sight,
But never out of mind;
They are cherished in the hearts
Of those they leave behind.
Lovingly remembered by
Wayne, Marilyn and Jeff.

400 IN MEMORIAM

MINTZ - In loving memory of
our father, Bert Mintz, who went
to be with Jesus, April 8, 1992,
in his 93rd year.
F is for faith, our Father had he
A is for affection, he always
loved me,
T is for teaching, the word he did
love,
H is for hours of prayer to his
God,
E is for eternity, his soul did pre-
pare
R is for righteous, Christ with
him did share.
Will you live to meet Father and
Mother up there, June 11, 1957.
Loved and remembered by the
Family.

WELLS, MURIEL - In memo-
ry of Mother and Grandmother
who passed away April 12,
1991.
Friends may think that we for-
get her
When at times we're apt to
smile,
But they little know the
heartache
That hides 'neath the surface all
the while.
"Too dearly loved to be forgot-
ten."
Sadly missed by **Bob and
Stephane, Wayne and
Sharon, Wendy, Barb and
grandchildren John, Franca,
April, Courtney and Amanda.**

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS**
**In the matter of the estate of
ANNIE AIKMAN**
deceased

All persons having claims
against the Estate of Annie
Aikman, late of the Township of
Dysart, in the County of Hal-
iburton, who died on or about
the 31st day of December,
1996, are hereby notified to
send particulars of the same to
the undersigned on or before
the 15th day of April, 1997 after
which date the assets will be dis-
tributed with regard only to the
claims of which the undersigned
shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this
21st day of March, 1997 by
DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and
Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden,
Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for
the Executor of the Estate of
Annie Aikman.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS**
**In the matter of the estate of
GEORG BRANDT**
deceased

All persons having claims
against the Estate of Georg
Brandt, late of the Township of
Anson, in the County of Hal-
iburton, who died on or about
the 23rd day of January, 1997,
are hereby notified to send par-
ticulars of the same to the un-
dersigned on or before the 15th
day of April, 1997 after which
date the assets will be distrib-
uted with regard only to the
claims of which the undersigned
shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this
21st day of March, 1997 by
DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and
Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden,
Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for
the Executrix of the Estate of
Georg Brandt.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS**
**In the matter of the estate of
JOHN HELLER**
deceased

All persons having claims
against the Estate of John
Heller, late of the Township of
Minden, in the County of Hal-
iburton, who died on or about
the 12th day of March, 1997, are
hereby notified to send particu-
lars of the same to the under-
signed on or before the 15th day
of April, 1997 after which date
the assets will be distributed with
regard only to the claims of
which the undersigned shall
then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this
25th day of March, 1997 by
DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and
Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden,
Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for
the Estate Trustee of the Estate
of John Heller.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS**
**In the matter of the estate of
WILLIAM HILLIARD**
deceased

All persons having claims
against the Estate of William
Hilliard, late of the Township of
Stanhope, in the County of Hal-
iburton, who died on or about
the 4th day of January, 1997,
are hereby notified to send par-
ticulars of the same to the un-
dersigned on or before the 15th
day of April, 1997 after which
date the assets will be distrib-
uted with regard only to the
claims of which the undersigned
shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this
21st day of March, 1997 by
DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and
Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden,
Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for
the Executrix of the Estate of
William Hilliard.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS**
**In the matter of the estate of
JALMARI KAASALAINEN**
deceased

All persons having claims
against the Estate of Jalmari
Kaasalainen, late of the Town-
ship of Snowdon, in the Coun-
ty of Haliburton, who died on or
about the 23rd day of January,
1997, are hereby notified to
send particulars of the same to
the undersigned on or before
the 15th day of April, 1997 after
which date the assets will be dis-
tributed with regard only to the
claims of which the undersigned
shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this
21st day of March, 1997 by
DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and
Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden,
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All persons having claims against the Estate of Berdena Eileen Miles, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of January, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Minden, Ontario this 21st day of March, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Administrator of the Estate of Berdena Eileen Miles.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of JOHN HALDANE ROBERTSON deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of John Haldane Robertson, late of the Township of Harburn, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the XXX day of March, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Minden, Ontario this 21st day of March, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of John Haldane Robertson.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of DONALD JAMIESON SINCLAIR deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Donald Jamieson Sinclair, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of January, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Minden, Ontario this 21st day of March, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Donald Jamieson Sinclair.

CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of HELEN ADELAIDE SUTTON deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Helen Adelaide Sutton, late of the Township of Sherborne, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 29th day of January, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Minden, Ontario this 25th day of March, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Estate Trustees of the Estate of Helen Adelaide Sutton.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of EVELYN MARIE YABSLEY deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Evelyn Marie Yabsley, late of the Township of Monmouth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 13th day of January, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Minden, Ontario this 21st day of March, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Evelyn Marie Yabsley.

CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of MARJORIE JEAN YOUNG deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Marjorie Jean Young, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 25th day of December, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

Dated at Minden, Ontario this 21st day of March, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Marjorie Jean Young.

CA

Post office is back in its new/old home at Agnews

Wilberforce has a shiny new post office. A year ago we were shocked when it was moved out of the general store and across the street. Now it's back in new quarters. As part of all the renovations at Agnew's, a new space was added for the post office. With more space lots more boxes were made available to all those patient people who had been on the waiting list. Those with boxes already gladly traded in their keys for new ones. There are lots of smiling faces, especially to see Murray Agnew back, ready to serve and have a chat. Okay, Mary et al, you do a good job too.

Students of the Week at the Wilberforce School included C. J. Clarkson who knows numbers to 150 and Kelly Clancy for

neat colouring. They are in Kindergarten. Samantha Dale in Grade 1 was named for her determination to do well after returning to school having had surgery on both feet. In Grade 1/2 Kristen Nicholson has read more than 120 books and Ashley Alden has read 164 books! Star of the Week in Grade 3/4 was Corlee DeWitt. In Grade 5/6 Terry Bannon scored perfect on the spelling test.

The Grade 3 students continue to be involved in assessment (provincial tests). On April 18 dental screening takes place. Dentists come in to the school and check over students' teeth and results are reported to parents.

Congratulations to Jane and Randy Barras on the arrival of a baby boy, grandchild for Flo and Fred Taylor and Joyce and Art Barras.

regularly enjoy cards and carpet bowling.

Also coming to entertain you on April 19 and 20 is the Loop Troupe's presentation of The Committee Meeting and Strawberry Jam. These are two one-act plays. Strawberry Jam is considered to be black comedy, in the sense that Arsenic and Old Lace is black comedy. It draws its fun from innately serious situations by presenting them in a context of absurdity. Committee Meeting will tickle the sides of all who have ever had any involvement with "group decision making".

Quilters needed! The Heritage Guild's quilt is being quilted at the Outpost. See Hilda, Cathy Agnew or other Guild members about access to quilt.

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark

The Gentlemen of Song, directed by Marg Jeske and accompanied by Elsie Lewis, entertained the Monmouth Seniors at their meeting on April 1. Their audience was delighted with the presentation as the chorus welcomed spring with songs that included April Showers.

The Seniors meet every Thursday and welcome new members and visitors. The first Tuesday of each month is Pot Luck Lunch Day. In addition to occasional entertainment they

Easter brings families together while bus trip takes couple to Nashville

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper 754-2388

Shane and Linda Sisson enjoyed a bus trip to Nashville, Tennessee recently, touring through Sidney, Ohio before arriving for the main attraction in Nashville, the Grand Ole Opry. Guest entertainers at the time were Terry Clarke and Allison Krauss. The Saturday tour included a steamboat cruise on the Cumberland River on the General Jackson and a comedian act, Shot Gun Band. The Sissons thoroughly enjoyed the four-day holi-

day.

Congratulations to Harry and Jean Randell celebrating their 47th anniversary on April 5 weekend at the Nottawasaga Inn with a festive family dinner.

Easter weekend company included the following: The Bill Marshall visitors were Bill's mother and their daughter, Tracey, from Scarborough. Emely was home from Loyalist College in Belleville with the Claridges. At the Perry Morrisons, Gerald and Barb of Linwood were home, also Nora. At Marilyn Gibbon's and Erma Sisson's the visitors were Brenda Cowie with her children, Samantha and Sean. Here, we had Beth and Greg Chandelier.

Elwood and Janet Morrison had Gordon and Susan Carr with their boys, David and James of Scarborough. Johnny, Terry and girls, Shannon and Christine, also visited with them and Jean Carr one evening.

Barry, Kendar and Zachary Boice have moved from our next door neighbourhood to their new home at the head of Grass Lake area.

You've heard of "as busy as a beaver"? Well change it a bit and you have as busy as a weaver! Drop in and see the action on the 100-inch loom at the museum some day. The present work is a blanket, all wool and more than a yard wide, colourful

and beautiful.

A note from the Home Support Services requests the volunteer help of mentors. Apparently people launching into new business need people who have had experience in various occupations. If you are retired and have skills that may be of help, give a call to 457-2941. Seasonal or permanent residents may share the resource of their experience. It is noted that just a "15-minute conversation can be helpful." You don't need to have had computer training to supply information that could make all the difference to time saved for the person trying to make it on their own.

Talking about spring is like a tonic from the good old days for senior residents

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

by SHEILA & THE
ROVING REPORTERS
286-2140

We hope that everyone enjoyed their Easter weekend. There were many visitors to our home and quite a few of us were able to visit with our families in their homes.

During chapel on Easter Sunday we were joined by Margaret Rivers, her husband, and baby Celeste. This was a special occa-

sion for Alice Rivers as Celeste is her great great granddaughter.

On the afternoon of Easter Sunday we gathered for a discussion. The topic was "Spring" and this led us to remembering spring tonics that we used to have back in the good old days, such as - Scotts Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, Eucalyptus, Burdock Blood Bitter, Lydia Pinkham Pink Pills (for women) and many more too. Would you believe we bought these items at a grocery store? No fancy drug stores back then. Most of us relied on home

remedies such as mustard plaster, bread and milk poultices, etc. How times have changed!

After our discussion we enjoyed doughnuts (thanks to Linda Brandon) and coffee. We have heard that Maggie Cook and Henry Howe are proud great great grandparents recently.

Also a get well message to Bill Payne, one of the "Grandfathers". We miss you and hope you can join us again very soon.

Peggy Pettinger's husband, Ed, is in hospital with a broken hip. We hope you are feeling better

soon and able to visit Peggy once more.

Winnie Barnum was fortunate to enjoy the wonderful spring day on Wednesday. She went to Bracebridge with her son Terry and his wife, then enjoyed supper out in Orillia. Winnie could not have picked a better day for her outing.

April 3, we had our weekly tea party, this week supplied by Lakeside Baptist Church. Thank you ladies.

That's all the news for now. Enjoy this wonderful spring weather. Let's hope it stays.

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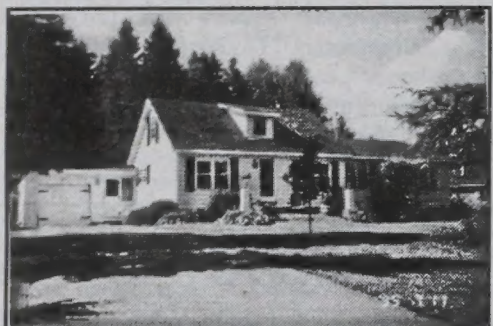


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